



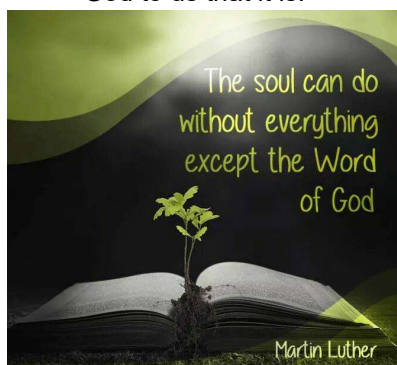
EBENEZER NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2017

PRAISE GOD FOR THE HARVEST!

Pastor's Thoughts.....

It's 500 years since Martin Luther began the Reformation – 31st October 1517 when the young German scholar nailed his ideas to the door of the church - literally. The Reformers believed in teaching the Word of God – the church built not on tradition but on scripture, not relying on habit but going back to the Source. This eventually led to the Bible being translated from Latin and the “common folk” able to access the Bible for themselves. Nowadays we have many translations, we can read it in our own language, hold the book or study via an app. How easy it is to take for granted what others worked to attain for us!

In many countries today, being a Christian is outlawed and the Bible (a banned book) is hard to come by. This is why the church here at Ebenezer supports organisations such as **Open Doors** who serve the persecuted church around the world. While people in this country are free to attend one of the many churches and chapels that exist, we have brothers and sisters who risk their lives when they meet together, often in secret. You can pray, give, find out more about these people online, but above all cherish the freedom you have and enjoy the Bible as the precious gift of God to us that it is!



Check out: omf.org/uk/
opendoorsuk.org barnabusfund.org

Harvest is a time of bringing in the food before the winter, it is a time to thank God for the blessings which are ours, it is a time to bring our offerings into the sanctuary where they can be used for those who are in need. We are a consumer society more than a farming people now, the fresh fruits have given way to the “dry” harvest, but the principle and purpose of the harvest remains unchanged.



In October we were joined once again by Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn in supporting Rainbow of Hope.

The donations of tins and packets are making their way to Cardiff where they will be given to homeless & vulnerable people in the city. A big **THANK YOU!** or **DIOLCH YN FAWR!** to the children of Trelyn and to everyone else who contributed to the Harvest table.

Rainbow of Hope was started over 20 years ago. They have a centre at Broadway in Cardiff city centre, where over 200 people a week come through the doors. They also have an army of volunteers who go out on the streets, including teams who run a nightly soup kitchen.



For more information visit: rainbowofhope.co.uk



....overheard on TV... The police inspector telling amateur sleuth Father Brown “Leave it to the professionals,” to which the reply came “Professionals built the Titanic, but the Ark was built by an amateur!”

Times of our Weekly Meetings

Sunday: 10.45am Morning Service & 6pm Evening Celebration

Tuesday: 10.00am Coffee Morning – Coffee Morning is free; donated by the church and by friends

Wednesday: 7pm – Bible Study – an informal meeting to read, share, ask questions & learn

Everyone Welcome

ECR Winter Appeal & the "Honesty Table"

We complain about the weather, but stick the heating on, dig out our winter coat and gloves and we're pretty much OK. The winter in Romania can be very harsh. Just as Rainbow of Hope is looking after homeless people on the streets of Cardiff, so Paul and the team in **Everyone's Child Romania (ECR)** are working with those who are vulnerable and in poverty. The charity has led and supported ground-breaking projects like **Lite4Life** and the **Greenhouse Project**. At this time of year families also look to the charity to provide basics such as root vegetables and wood for the fire, to help people survive the winter.



Our **Honesty Table** is so straight forward.... Bring items that you no longer want and leave them on the table. See something you like on the table and take it – all we ask is that you give a donation towards the work of ECR – you decide how much you pay. All of the money will be transferred directly to ECR to benefit those most in need in Romania. **"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."** (2 Corinthians 9:7)

What's in a name? Can you match these Biblical names to their meanings?

Names: **Absolom** :: **Daniel** :: **Nathaniel** :: **Abigail** :: **Ishmael** :: **Dorcas** :: **Sarah** :: **Naphtali**

Meanings: **A: Princess** **B: My Father is Joy** **C: God is my Judge** **D: My Father is Peace**

E: Wrestler **F: God Hears** **G: Gazelle** **H: Gift of God**

(Answers at the bottom of the page)



Sun 12th Nov – Remembrance Sunday

– we will observe a minute's silence during the morning service

Tues 21st Nov @7pm – ECR's AGM

Sat 25th Nov 10am – 2pm – ECR are holding a table top sale at Blackwood Methodist Church

On the hill behind Argos. Please pop in if you're in town!

Sun 10th Dec 6pm – Jeff Hankins



Sun 17th Dec 6pm – CAROL SERVICE – traditional carols and candles

Tues 19th Dec 10am – CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING – with the Y6 children from YG TRELYN

Sun 24th Dec (Christmas Eve) – Morning Service only at 10.45am

Sun 25th Dec (Christmas Day) – Christmas Morning Communion Service at 10.30am

Tues 26th Dec & Tues 2nd Jan – NO COFFEE MORNING – Business as usual on Tues 9th Jan!

Wed 20th & Wed 27th Dec – NO BIBLE STUDY - Study returns on Wed 3rd Jan 7pm

Sun 31st Dec – Services as usual 10.45am & 6pm