

SWANSEA & GOWER METHODIST CIRCUIT

Report on Penlan to Circuit Meeting on 15th September 2016

Monthly Penlan services have been included in the current circuit plan. Evening services will be held on 11th September, 9th October and 2nd November.

Members of Penlan and Wesley churches will be joined by members from Christwell. This will form a foundation for a worshipping congregation for these services, but our priority is to attract new people from the Penlan area. We know that this has been tried before, but there is a real need for an active Christian church in Penlan, so this time we will need to try a different approach.

We are promoting the first service as a community service. Food will be served at 5:15 pm and the service will start at 6:00 pm. This will be an informal style service and will be led by Rev Howard Long.

To promote this new notice boards have been installed, a banner inviting people has been placed on the church railings, and posters are on display at Penlan leisure centre, library and social club as well as in shops in and around Penlan.

The October service will be a Circuit Service and will be led by Rev Stephen Wigley and will feature a Zimbabwean choir Zambuka Rah Jehovah.

Looking forward we are planning for worship in 2017 with Messy Church sessions aimed at children and families, and Sunday morning worship services preceded by Christianity Explored sessions. We are also actively considering new means to seek community involvement.

We would like members of all churches in our circuit to consider whether God might be calling **you** to be part of a church plant in Penlan.

Ken Allison

3rd September 2016

Report from Local Preachers' Meeting September 5th 2016 "Wesley" Eaton Rd

1. The meeting was chaired by Rev Howard Long, with 19 members present.

2. Rev John Atkinson recommended that Cerys Davies should proceed from "On Note" to "On Trial" on the basis of an excellent trial service, and the meeting agreed unanimously. He also reported very positive feedback for preacher "On Trial" Sue Raad. Congratulations were conveyed to Caroline Buckler on her full accreditation as a Local Preacher. Jeff Coleman's 40 years as a LP would be recognised at the Circuit Service at Penlan on October 9th.

3. A variety of concerns and matters from around the Circuit were discussed, including Safeguarding "refresher" training, Ogof Adullam, the Street Pastors, and the new evening services at Penlan.

4. A variety of meetings providing professional development for preachers continue to be arranged, including the monthly Study Group, and a series on Ezekiel, led by Rev Dr Noel Davies.

5. Resources available to preachers (eg for harvest) were highlighted.

Alan Cram LP Secretary 07.09.2016

FUND FOR WORLD MISSIONS (Dianne Price)

TREASURERS REPORT 2015-2016

Money Received 2015

Horton £100.00

Money Received 2016

Uniting Church Sketty £88.00

Clydach £80.00

Wesley £20.00

Mumbles £250.00

Mumbles £63.00

Murton £267.00

Murton JMA £138.71

TOTAL £ 1006.71

Circuit Meeting – September 15th 2016.

Manses update:

General maintenance and remedial work has been ongoing, since the last meeting, with the following completed or ongoing:

1) Worcester Drive.

- 3 replacement double – glazed window units fitted.

- Replacement fibre-glass flat roof fitted, due to deterioration of old 'felted' covering and subsequent water ingress.

- 2 sturdy, wooden side gates constructed and fitted, to replace badly corroded wrought iron gates.

2) Sketty Park Road.

- Potential remedial work deferred until after a Quinquennial inspection has been carried out.

3) Linkside Drive.

- Further remedial work deferred until an annual inspection has been completed.

4) Channel View.

- Minor items outstanding to be completed following detailed annual inspection.

Derek Norton (Circuit Steward)

REPORT TO CIRCUIT OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE. 15-9-16

1. There are posters of the Circuit Missions Sunday, please take them and display in your churches.
2. We have 2 fundraising events for Zambuko Orphans ; a) A new venture ,An Indian meal, **7pm Mon 26-9-16** ,in 11 days time, at Rose Indienne , St Helen's rd, close to Brunswick church, cost £15 for food. Tel Julie Davies Sw 420596 to book a place. Posters are also available for each church to display.
b) A FILM OF "Old Swansea" **at 2pm**, in the Wesley Room ,at Brunswick Church, followed by tea and cakes, **on Sat 29th Oct** £5.
3. Total raised for Zimbabwe Orphans since handover is £3,392-62, so thanks to everyone for this excellent result. This does not include the Sponsored walk round the Marina.
4. Total raised for Mission in Britain Fund was £1027, from 8 churches. Can I congratulate people for improving on last year's total by approx. £p350. 2 cheques have been given which were too late to go in 2015-16s total as the cheque needs to be in by mid August for it to be processed in time. World Mission was notified separately as £1006-71, another very good total. Sybil Smith

MISSION SERVICE FOCUSING ON THE CIRCUIT PROJECT (ZRJ)

ZIMBABWE ORPHANS

Report to Circuit Meeting 15-9-2016

The Theme is: **Africa**

1. CIRCUIT MISSION SERVICE IS TAKING PLACE AT PENLAN CHURCH

2. On the 9th of October at 4pm

3. We will start with some information on where we are with the project and the present situation in Zimbabwe.

4. The Chair person will give a brief of ZRJ activities now

Our Theme is Africa so Please try and wear anything flowery or African dresses

5. Women please bring SCARVES or any piece of material

6. We will have some work shops

7. Sarah from Morrison is going to teach us some songs and how to tie some DUKUS HEAD SCARVES

8. Margo will teach us some Drumming (c/o Rev Gill)

9. MCZF Newport & Bristol will sing

Between 5pm and 5.20pm we will have our usual bring and share tea plus some African food

At 6pm we will have our Circuit service.

The speaker this year is our District Chair Rev Dr. Stephen Wigley
