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#### Sunday Services in May Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 4th

10.30am ServiceJohn Chapter 216.00pm Communion ServiceJonah Chapter 4

Sunday 11th

10.30am Service
Visiting Preacher - 1
6.00pm Service
Visiting Preacher - Roy Morgan

Sunday 18th

10.30am Communion Service

Isaiah 65:17-25 - It's Only Words
6.00pm Service

Acts 9:19-31 - Not Always Popular

Sunday 25th

10.30am Service

Romans 5:1-11 - Rejoicing
6.00pm Service

Matthew 5:17-20 - Justified by Faith

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** 

**Monday:** Village Voices Choir 7.00-9.00pm

**Tuesday:** Ladies Group 2.00-4.00pm

Lee's Freestyle Kickboxing (6.00-7.30pm)

Copper City Chorus 7.00-9.00pm

**Wednesday:** Knitters & Natters – Church Fellowship

Group 10.00am-12noon

Prayer Service 6.30pm

Thursday: Parents & Tots 9.30-11.30am

Lee's Freestyle Kickboxing (6.00-7.30pm)

**Bible Study 6.30-9.00pm** 

Saturday: Talking Box, Men's Health 10.00am-12noon

(2nd & 4th Saturday of every month)

Cuppa & Chat / Prayer available whenever we are in the building
Please take this newsletter home

and use it during the coming days / weeks.

#### **Bible Word Search**

### **Books of the New Testament**

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
ALL CAP words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.





GOSPEL According to MATTHEW

Gospel According to MARK

Gospel According to LUKE

Gospel According to JOHN

ACTS of the APOSTLES

LETTER of PAUL to the ROMANS

Letters of Paul to the CORINTHIANS (2)

Letter of Paul to the GALATIANS

Letter of Paul to the EPHESIANS

Letter of Paul to the PHILIPPIANS

Letter of Paul to the COLOSSIANS

Letters of Paul to the THESSALONIANS (2)

Letters of Paul to TIMOTHY (2)

Letter of Paul to TITUS

Letter of Paul to PHILEMON

Letter to the HEBREWS

Letter of JAMES

Letters of PETER (2)

Letters of JOHN (3)

Letter of JUDE

REVELATION to John

Thoughts From
The Study

## From the Study Isaiah 65:1-4 (the Message)

""I've made myself available to those who haven't bothered to ask. I'm here, ready to be found by those who haven't bothered to look. I kept saying 'I'm here, I'm right here' to a nation that ignored me. I reached out day after day to a people who turned their backs on me, People who make wrong turns, who insist on doing things their own way. They get on my nerves, are rude to my face day after day, Make up their own kitchen religion, a potluck religious stew.

You will often find me making mention of Eugene Peterson and his translation of the Bible (the Message), because he has a way of bringing a simplistic truth to things we often complicate – in these verses he does just that.

We are living in times where people don't want to know Jesus, they don't want what many have called, 'all that God rubbish!' The only difference between the people Isaiah was preaching to and the people of western culture today is that they believed in gods, they just didn't accept the ways and teachings of the 'one true God'. Peterson translates their attitude this way, he says they 'Make up their own kitchen religion'.

Many are still doing that today, mixing and amalgamating Christianity with other beliefs systems and practices. You may think this petty, but someone may read a poem in church, a beautiful poem at that, well written and composed, however, it may just have one line which reads contrary to the biblical teaching of heaven and salvation,

#### From the Study (Continued)

but, because it was read in church without challenge people assume we believe what it said.

When something tragic happens someone may ask you to pray for them, 'because you're religious', but, they won't necessarily talk to God themselves, because they're not religious and talking to God is what you do, it's beneath them. (A side note: Christians are not religious we are in a relationship with Jesus Christ – a 'christian' who is 'religious' is not living the relationship.)

People will tell you they are not religious, but what that means to them is that they don't go to church, or they don't believe in God – but they allow 'things' to take over their lives, and those things become addictive, those things become all consuming, now the very things they have become addicted to have become their religion.

Jesus doesn't call us to adhere to any religion, He calls us simply to follow Him, 'the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

James says, 'Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.' (James 1:27)

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

Pastor Phil.

Lord Jesus, please help us to be faithful to You in all things.
Thank You Lord, Amen.

# CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING

Next Meeting – May 15th 2025

# Annual General Meeting followed by General Meeting

A Diaconate Election will take place at the AGM

5.30pm Refreshments & Fellowship 6.00pm Meeting Starts

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



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

www.aenonbaptist.org



www.biblegateway.com



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YouVersion Vebsite www.youversion.com

#### We're Mind Cymru, the mental health charity

www.mind.org.uk







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The Dementia Hwb Swansea
Call on 01792 304519

The Dementia Hwb located in The Quadrant, Swansea, is a unique information centre led by Dementia Friendly Swansea.



#### OPENING TIMES

FRIDAY from 11am until 1pm

Contributions will be welcome during the above times, or on a Thursday from 6-8pm

#### LOCATION

Mount Zion Baptist Chapel Mansel Road Swansea SA1 7JR email Eastsidefoodbank@gmail.com



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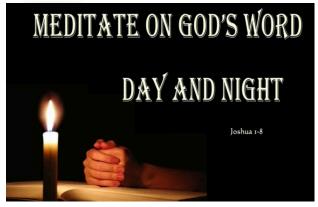
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## **Bible in One Year Reading Plan**

#### **May Readings**

_		Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	<u>Proverbs</u>
	01	Judges 13:1-14:20	John 1:29-51	Psalm 102:1-28	Proverbs 14:15-16
	02	Judges 15:1-16:31	John 2:1-25	Psalm 103:1-22	Proverbs 14:17-19
	03	Judges 17:1-18:31	John 3:1-21	Psalm 104:1-24	Proverbs 14:20-21
	04	Judges 19:1-20:48	John 3:22-4:3	Psalm 104:24-35	Proverbs 14:22-24
	05	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	John 4:4-42	Psalm 105:1-15	Proverbs 14:25
	06	Ruth 2:1-4:22	John 4:43-54	Psalm 105:16-36	Proverbs 14:26-27
	07	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21	John 5:1-23	Psalm 105:37-45	Proverbs 14:28-29
	08	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	John 5:24-47	Psalm 106:1-12	Proverbs 14:30-31
	09	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17	John 6:1-21	Psalm 106:13-31	Proverbs 14:32-33
	10	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27	John 6:22-42	Psalm 106:32-48	Proverbs 14:34-35
	11	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	John 6:43-71	Psalm 107:1-43	Proverbs 15:1-3
	12	1 Samuel 12:1-13:23	John 7:1-30	Psalm 108:1-13	Proverbs 15:4
	13	1 Samuel 14:1-52	John 7:31-53	Psalm 109:1-31	Proverbs 15:5-7
	14	1 Samuel 15:1-16:23	John 8:1-20	Psalm 110:1-7	Proverbs 15:8-10
	15	1 Samuel 17:1-18:4	John 8:21-30	Psalm 111:1-10	Proverbs 15:11
	16	1 Samuel 18:5-19:24	John 8:31-59	Psalm 112:1-10	Proverbs 15:12-14
	17	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	John 9:1-41	Psalm 113:1-114:8	Proverbs 15:15-17
	18	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	John 10:1-21	Psalm 115:1-18	Proverbs 15:18-19
	19	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	John 10:22-42	Psalm 116:1-19	Proverbs 15:20-21
	20	1 Samuel 26:1-28:25	John 11:1-54	Psalm 117:1-2	Proverbs 15:22-23
	21	1 Samuel 29:1-31:13	John 11:55-12:19	Psalm 118:1-18	Proverbs 15:24-26
	22	2 Samuel 1:1-2:11	John 12:20-50	Psalm 118:19-29	Proverbs 15:27-28
	23	2 Samuel 2:12-3:39	John 13:1-30	Psalm 119:1-16	Proverbs 15:29-30
	24	2 Samuel 4:1-6:23	John 13:31-14:14	Psalm 119:17-32	Proverbs 15:31-32
	25	2 Samuel 7:1-8:18	John 14:15-31	Psalm 119:33-48	Proverbs 15:33
	26	2 Samuel 9:1-11:27	John 15:1-27	Psalm 119:49-64	Proverbs 16:1-3
	27	2 Samuel 12:1-31	John 16:1-33	Psalm 119:65-80	Proverbs 16:4-5
	28	2 Samuel 13:1-39	John 17:1-26	Psalm 119:81-96	Proverbs 16:6-7
	29	2 Samuel 14:1-15:22	John 18:1-24	Psalm 119:97-112	Proverbs 16:8-9
	30	2 Samuel 15:23-16:23	John 18:25-19:22	Psalm 119:113-128	Proverbs 16:10-11
	31	2 Samuel 17:1-29	John 19:23-42	Psalm 119:129-152	Proverbs 16:12-13





# If you would like to learn more about Baptism and Church Membership please speak with Pastor Phil

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

(Romans 6:4)

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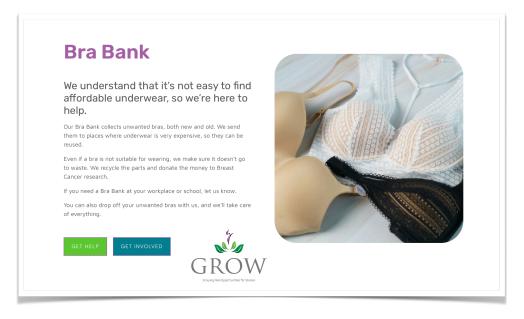


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#### ECO-CHURCH

We are having a new electricity meter fitted at the church on Monday 12th May. This shouldn't affect any of our regular meetings, however, please be aware there will be some interruption in the electricity supply on that day.

As a follow up to our Earth Sunday service, we continue to think about nature and the devastating effects climate change is having on the world's biodiversity.

Here is a recap of what Freddie, Bella and Eden's wrote and their thoughts regarding 'The Earth'...

"I like what many others like- the oceans. It is important to sea animals and also for coral reefs. Though some things are in the oceans that I do not like-oil spills and plastic. These are both things that harm the oceans. My advice would be to recycle plastic and other things to prevent them from going into the oceans and not to litter especially on the beach where the tide comes in."

"On this earth day let's remember the vital role the ocean plays in our planet's health and well-being. Covering over 70% of the earth. Lots of plastic and oil spills in our oceans which can affect our sea animals and their habitats which means that they can become endangered. So we need to keep our oceans protected and clean from our waste."

"I love our planet. God made everything perfect. What I love most are the beautiful flowers dancing in the breeze and the beautiful animals especially the cats, deer, artic fox and\_horses. I also adore spiders and save them whenever I can because these are also one of God's beautiful creations."

Thank you for your wise words!

#### ECO-CHURCH (Continued ...)

Another date to note this month is the 22nd May which is the UN Biodiversity Day. The day aims to raise awareness about biodiversity and encourage action towards its conservation. The theme this year is "Harmony with nature and sustainable development".

Biodiversity is the foundation of all life on Earth. It is fundamental to human well-being, a healthy planet, and economic prosperity for all people. We depend on it for food, medicine, energy, clean air and water, protection from natural disasters as well as recreation and cultural inspiration.

Pray that we will all consider how we can help biodiversity and nature thrive in our little patch of the vast planet. Which reminds me... don't forget to have a wander into our church garden and enjoy the space. The sun is awakening the plants and shrubs and many are thriving already. There are plenty of herbs which you are welcome to come and snip some pieces for yourselves- Chives, mint, marjoram.....

Christian Aid is celebrating 80 years this year and has been a long standing campaigner on climate change (and its links with poverty). Its main campaign for the year is the 'Restore Campaign'. It focusses on the twin problems of climate change and debt, and asks us to step up and make our voices heard on this important issue. There is a petition which we can sign to ask the UK Government to make polluters pay for the climate crises and to introduce new debt justice laws that could pull millions of people out of poverty. A hard copy will be available soon.

#### Finally....

A coffee (§ tea) morning will be held on Friday 16th May 10.30am-12.30.

It will take the theme of Transform Trade's 'Big Brew'-highlighting the importance of fairly traded tea. So please come along for a cuppa, a chat and a tea-related quiz. The money raised will go towards Christian Aid Week and Transform Trade.

