



in our villages, towns & cities

Mission on St David's Day 2019

Background

For a second year, Hope Together are helping equip churches in Wales for mission during St David's Day celebrations. A bilingual mini-magazine is being produced to encourage churches to share hope in our homes, villages and towns. You can find more information on Hope Together and by visiting the website <https://www.hopetogether.org.uk>.

Why a St David's Day mini-booklet?

Last year, the mini-magazine was produced for the first time in 2018 – a resource unique to Wales – and 12,000 copies flew out of our office and were delivered into communities across Wales by churches. The response was fantastic so we have produced a new mini-magazine for 2019. In a colourful and simple way this would celebrate a little of Welsh identity and share something of the Hope Jesus offers to all. The magazine has a feature on BBC Radio Wales DJ Mal Pope from Swansea, Welshcake recipe and also makes links with the Christian message pointing towards Easter.

With help and funding from Hope UK we have free copies for you to order with an opportunity to make a donation to Hope UK if you would like to.

How can we use this magazine?

Over the page are some ideas on how you might be able to use this leaflet on or around St David's Day this year.

Feedback

Please let us know how you have used this leaflet, what was the response and any suggestions you might have please let us know. You can email: dewisant@ubc.cymru



How to make the most of St David's Day for mission.

These are just some ideas that you are welcome to try and adapt to your own situation. Ultimately, you will know what is likely to work best in your own community. If you find something that works well please share it with us so that we can pass that on to others.

Deliver to Local Street

Within reach of most churches is to deliver the mini-booklet to local homes. This can be as small or large scale as you wish. Church members could deliver to their own street or perhaps you could identify a new estate or housing area to raise the awareness of the local church by including a simple invitation Easter events or simply

introducing the church to the community. To share the work of delivery why not bundle the booklets into streets and ask people to take responsibility for one or two streets. If you want to get past the 'junk mail' consider putting the booklet in an envelope with a short message on the envelope or smiley face 😊.

Give away a simple gift

With a little more courage, you could distribute the booklet personally with a 'give-away'. Why not on St David's Day have some mini-daffodils to hand out or even some welsh cakes in a napkin. People are more ready to take a leaflet with a warm greeting and the offer of a gift. Simply wish people 'Happy St David's Day from the local churches' is an easy way to start. Why not invite people to an Easter event so there is an opportunity for further contact?

'Cawl a Caws' Supper

Every church will know someone who can cook the amazing traditional welsh dish of 'Cawl'. Served with cheese and bread, this is an easy meal which is perfect for sharing. Why not host a Cawl supper and invite neighbours and friends to a St David's Day supper? It doesn't have to be on the same day and you could include one of the ideas below to make it a fun evening.

'All Wales' – quiz night themed around questions around all things 'Wales'. Remember we will be in the middle of the Rugby Six Nations around this time, you could be controversial and split the teams around the nations with bonus questions from the other countries!

'Welsh Taster Evening' – lots of people would like to learn some Welsh. Why not have a fun taster evening getting some help from a welsh speaker. You could serve from traditional welsh food like bara brith, lava bread or specialist food made in Wales.