

Undeb Bedyddwyr Cymru

Baptist Union of Wales

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10: 23-25

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Keeping in Touch

As Christians, we believe that fellowship is a vital part of Christian life. Whilst the doors of our church buildings may be temporarily closed, there are numerous resources and platforms to help us connect, equip and encourage one another.

Please see below a list of resources and suggestions received from BUW ministers and churches over the last few days.

This list includes links to digital resources such as services, reflections and readings on BUW church websites and social media accounts as well as a short list of radio and television programmes for those without internet access. We have also included a selection of suggestions using both internet based and traditional methods of contact.

We would also like to remind our churches that 2020 has been designated a Year of Prayer. Although we are unable to gather together physically, we continue to unite in prayer as a Baptist family across Wales. We encourage all our churches to use the current situation as an opportunity to seek God afresh through prayer and reflection. We invite everyone to make use of the resources provided in the 2020 Prayer Packs which are still available on the BUW website. <http://www.buw.org.uk/prayer-2020-resource-pack-2-lent-st-davids-day-easter/>

We hope that this list will be of help and encouragement to you all. It will be available on the BUW Website and will be regularly updated. If you would like to contribute any further resources or suggestions, we would be happy to hear from you.

Please send any resources or suggestions to: christian@ubc.cymru

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

A number of churches have already begun adding resources such as videos, readings, reflections and hymns to their websites and social media accounts i.e. Facebook, Twitter etc. Several churches have also set up YouTube channels for the purpose of sharing videos of services, reflections, etc.

Some churches will also be using the above media to host Sunday services (live and/or pre-recorded).

Please see below a list of BUW Churches that are, or intend to, offer resources as well as useful websites and church social media accounts.

WEBSITES

- **Undeb Bedyddwyr Cymru / The Baptist Union of Wales** <http://www.buw.org.uk/en/>
- **Bethesda, Rogerstone** <http://www.bethesdabaptistchurch.org.uk/>
- **Bethlehem, Spittal, Haverfordwest** <https://www.bethlehemchapel.co.uk/welcome.htm>
- **Blaenau Gwent Baptist Church** <https://bgbchurch.weebly.com/>
- **Broad Haven Baptist Church** <http://broadhavenbaptist.org.uk/>
- **Carmel, Pontlliw** <http://www.carmelpontlliw.co.uk/>
- **Caersalem, Caernarfon** <http://caersalem.com/>
- **Ebenezer Abertillery** <https://www.ebenezerabertillery.co.uk/>
- **Eglwys Gymraeg Canol Llundain / The Welsh Church of Central London** <https://www.eglwysgymraegllundain.org/>
- **Elim, Pontllanfraith** <http://www.elimbaptist.org.uk/>
- **Hope, Gilwern** <http://www.hopechurchgilwern.org/>
- **Hope/Gobaith, Llanelli** (<http://www.hope-llanelli.com>)
- **Llanwenarth Baptist Church** <http://www.govilonbaptist.org.uk/>
- **Moria, Risca** (<https://www.moriahrisca.com/>)
- **Mount Pleasant, Blackwood** <https://www.baptistchurchblackwood.org.uk/welcome.htm>
- **Mount Zion, Cardigan** <https://cardigan.church/>
- **Penuel, Caerfyrddin** <http://penuelcaerfyrddin.org/>
- **Pisgah, Creswell Quay** <https://www.pisgah.org.uk/>
- **RCF Ruthin Christian Fellowship** <https://ruthinchurch.co.uk/>
- **Tabernacl, Caerdydd** <https://www.tabernacl.cymru/>
- **Tabernacl, Caerfyrddin** <https://tabernacl.wordpress.com/>
- **Tabernacle, Newbridge** (<https://www.tabernacle-newbridge.org.uk/>)
- **Thornton Baptist Chapel** <https://thorntonbaptistchapel.weebly.com/>
- **Upper Trosnant Baptist Church** <https://www.trosnant.org/>
- **Welshpool Baptist Church** <http://welshpoolchurches.co.uk/wbc.html>
- **Pentref Baptist Chapel, Newbridge-on-Wye** <http://www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk/>
- **Horeb, Penrhyn-coch** <https://www.trefeurig.org/cymdeithasau-horeb.php>

FACEBOOK

- **Undeb Bedyddwyr Cymru / The Baptist Union of Wales** <https://www.facebook.com/BUWales/>
- **Ainon Baptist Church, Bryncoch** <https://www.facebook.com/Ainon-Baptist-Church-Bryncoch-326736197523660/>
- **Bedyddwyr Cylch y Frenni** <https://www.facebook.com/bedyddwyr cylch y frenni/>

- Bethesda Baptist Church, Haverfordwest <https://www.facebook.com/bethesdahaverfordwest/>
- Bethesda Baptist Church-Rogerstone <https://www.facebook.com/bethesdarogerstone/>
- Bethlehem Chapel (Spittal) <https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Chapel-815140055258039/>
- Blaenau Gwent Baptist Church <https://www.facebook.com/blaenaugwentbaptist/>
- Broad Haven Baptist Church <https://www.facebook.com/BroadHavenBaptistChurch/>
- Caersalem Chapel Waunlwyd <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005717025107>
- Capel Blaenconin <https://www.facebook.com/Blaenconin/>
- Capel Gomer <https://www.facebook.com/capel.gomer>
- Capel Hermon, Abergwaun <https://www.facebook.com/Capel-Hermon-Abergwaun-111842270433911/>
- Capel Star Sir Benfro <https://www.facebook.com/capelstar.sirbenfro>
- Carmel Pontlliw <https://www.facebook.com/carmelpontlliw/>
- Church On The Rise Beaufort Ebbw Vale <https://www.facebook.com/churchontheriseuk/>
- Ebeneser Rhydaman <https://www.facebook.com/Ebeneser-Rhydaman-2374764969275872/>
- Ebenezer Baptist Church, Abertillery South Wales <https://www.facebook.com/Ebenezerbaptists/>
- Eglwys Gymraeg Canol Llundain / The Welsh Church of Central London <https://www.facebook.com/eglwysgymraegllundain/>
- Gofalaeth Chwilog, Pencaenewydd, Llwyndyrys, Tyddynshon a Chapel y Beirdd <https://www.facebook.com/gofalaethchwilog/>
- Elim Baptist Church (Pontllanfraith) <https://www.facebook.com/ElimBaptist/>
- Hope Church Gilwern <https://www.facebook.com/hope.churchgilwern>
- Llanwenarth Baptist Church <https://www.facebook.com/Llanwenarth/>
- Moriah Baptist Church (Risca) <https://www.facebook.com/moriahrisca/>
- Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (Blackwood) <https://www.facebook.com/BaptistChurchBlackwood/>
- Mount Zion Baptist Church – Cardigan <https://www.facebook.com/MountZionChurchCardigan/>
- Nazareth Baptist Chapel – Bryncethin <https://www.facebook.com/nazarethbryncethin/>
- Penuel, Caerfyrddin <https://www.facebook.com/penuelcaerfyrddin/>
- Pisgah Creswell Quay <https://www.facebook.com/pisgahcreswellquay/>
- RCF (Ruthin Christian Fellowship) <https://www.facebook.com/ruthinchurch/>
- Seion Capel y Bedyddwyr (Waunarlywydd) <https://www.facebook.com/SeionCapel/>
- Tabernacl, Llwynhendy <https://www.facebook.com/Tabernacl-Llwynhendy-784233898349805/>
- Tabernacle Baptist Church (Newbridge) <https://www.facebook.com/Tabernacle-Baptist-Church-100851344820690/>
- Tabernacl Caerdydd <https://www.facebook.com/groups/34289299190/>
- Thornton Baptist Chapel <https://www.facebook.com/Thornton-Baptist-Chapel-1742701479283690/>
- Upper Trosnant Baptist Church <https://www.facebook.com/UpperTrosnantBC/>
- Welshpool Baptist Church <https://www.facebook.com/welshpoolbaptist.church/>
- **Greenfield Baptist Church, Llanelli** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greenfield-Baptist-Church/969109223209751>
- **Aeon Sandy Hill Baptist Church:** [facebook.com/sandyhillbaptist](https://www.facebook.com/sandyhillbaptist)

TWITTER

- Undeb Bedyddwyr Cymru / The Baptist Union of Wales
- **@HorebPenrhyn (Capel Horeb Penrhyn-coch, Aberystwyth)**

YOUTUBE

- **Eglwys Gymraeg Canol Llundain / Central London Welsh Church**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWUmnz6YNIRzSFgBL7XxBOg>
- **Salem, Tonteg**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGhmT0YDgIkpv2ns9x1s3NA>
- **Y Tabernacl, Llwynhendy**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6ABcc_XbOAdfYJP1N9SjCQ
- **Mount Pleasant, Blackwood**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrA3UfXZBO9f_OdAJmutnfQ
- **Mount Zion Cardigan**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFWZ7h6zEtBsdT_-fDJgfiQ/featured
- **Blaenau Gwent Baptist Church**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQTKOjmZsNlcl3gF1hbXNMw>
- **Tabernacle, Newbridge**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mFRMr22Z6EGTGERnbCkFg>

PODCASTS

- Caersalem, Caernarfon (<https://caersalem.fireside.fm/>)
- **Aenon, Sandy Hill, Sir Benfro:** anchor.fm/sandyhillsounds

OTHER

- **Rev. Geraint Morse leading Good Friday Service on behalf of Capel Cildwrn, Llangefni:**
<https://youtu.be/oURCsAH4ks>

OTHER DIGITAL RESOURCES

In addition to the above, other Christian denominations, societies and movements are also striving to provide useful resources for individuals and congregations. These include:

- Cytûn - Churches together in Wales (www.cytun.co.uk)
- Baptist Union of Great Britain (<https://www.baptist.org.uk/>)
- South Wales Baptist Association (www.southwalesba.org.uk)
- The Sunday Schools Council (https://www.ysgolsul.com/?page_id=5695)
- Union of Welsh Independents (<https://annibynwyr.org/>)
- The Presbyterian Church of Wales (<https://www.ebcpcw.cymru/en/>)
- The Church in Wales (<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/>)
- The Methodist Church in Wales (<http://www.methodistwales.org.uk/>)

- The Evangelical Movement of Wales (<https://www.emw.org.uk/resources/>)
- Scripture Union (<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/>)
- The United Reformed Church, Wales Synod (<https://www.urcwales.org.uk/>)
- Gobaith i Gymru (<http://www.gobaith.cymru>)
- Beibl.net (<http://www.beibl.net/>)
- Yr Heuwr (<http://yrheuwr.cymru/>)
- Cristnogaeth.Cymru (<http://cristnogaeth.cymru/radio-a-theledu/>)
A Welsh language website providing Christian information and resources.

YouTube

- Baptists Together -Baptist Union of Great Britain
(<https://www.youtube.com/user/baptistuniongb>)
- Union of Welsh Independents –YouTube Chanel
(www.youtube.com/channel/UCalt1hUOIPQz3TBGDZvw09Q)

RADIO (BBC)

BBC Radio Cymru (Welsh Language)

Yr Oedfa - Sunday 5.30am & 11.30am

A service for Radio Cymru listeners.

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008mg61>)

Caniadaeth Y Cysegr Sunday 4.30pm

A programme of Congregational Hymn Singing

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007rkpc>)

Bwrw Golwg. Sunday 8.00am

Weekly discussion of ethics and religion.

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007rkdq>)

BBC Radio Wales (English Language)

Sunday Service 'Celebration'. Sundays at 7.30am

Weekly act of worship broadcast from Christian communities all over Wales, giving listeners the opportunity to hear their local church on their national radio station.

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0079fvx>)

All things considered. Sundays at 9.00am

Religious affairs programme, tackling the thornier issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner.

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0079fx0>)

BBC General – Religion and Ethics

A comprehensive list of religious and ethical radio programmes across the BBC.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/genres/religionandethics/player>

Television

S4C

Yr Oedfa – Every Sunday 11am.

A Sunday Service including reflection, prayer and song.

<https://www.s4c.cymru/clic/programme/808606879>

Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol – Every Sunday 7.30pm.

Hymn singing and worship.

[\(http://www.s4c.cymru/cy/cerddoriaeth/dechrau-canu-dechrau-canmol/\)](http://www.s4c.cymru/cy/cerddoriaeth/dechrau-canu-dechrau-canmol/)

BBC Wales

Songs of Praise – Every Sunday 1.15pm.

Hymn singing and worship.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006ttc5>

WHAT COULD YOU DO?

INTERNET BASED COMMUNICATION

The technological developments of recent years have made it easier than ever to communicate and share resources.

If you have internet access, perhaps you / your church could consider:

- A live or pre-recorded service or reflection for use on social media (Facebook/Twitter) or your church website.
- A written service or reflection for use on social media (Facebook/Twitter) or your church website.

Please follow the link below for a useful list of communication ideas and instructions prepared by the Baptist Union of Great Britain. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/569110/Keeping_your_church.aspx

NON-INTERNET BASED COMMUNICATION

We are conscious that not everyone has Access to the Internet or social media, however this should not be a barrier to our continued communication.

Whilst digital media allows us to easily connect with a wider audience, we know that there is nothing better than personal, direct contact. Therefore, we encourage our churches to continue to use traditional

methods of communication, such as those listed below, in order to maintain close, personal communication with members and friends.

- Telephoning members and friends to offer practical and spiritual support.
- Providing regular newsletters via post
- Group messages / calls via Text, Whats App and Facebook Messenger.

Conference Call

We understand that a number of our churches have also begun to use Conference calling as a means of holding services and prayer meetings.

Conference calling allows numerous callers to participate in one call from their own telephone / mobile. All callers can contribute to the call. Individuals could then be invited to contribute prayers, prayer requests, readings etc.

This is an easy and accessible means of communication which does not require an internet connection – only a mobile or landline telephone.

Several churches have suggested using www.whypay.net which currently provides the service free of charge. (Not including the standard call rate)

Twilio (<https://www.twilio.com/>)

This website allows you to set up a phone number, which when rung, will play an audio file.

This is a good way to make sermons accessible to the members in your congregation who might not have computers or use of the internet.

If you already produce weekly Podcasts or MP3 files for your church, this is a good way to share them with people who otherwise wouldn't find a way to play them.

Please see the article below for further instructions on how to set up and use this facility:

<https://www.switchedonnetwork.com/2020/03/18/coronavirus-create-a-phone-number-which-plays-podcasts-or-sermon-recordings-over-the-phone/>

