

*PENTREF  
BAPTIST  
CHAPEL*



The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



**RE-OPENING  
FOR WORSHIP  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

**The Newsletter  
Of Newbridge-On-Wye,  
Baptist Church,  
September/October 2020**

## FROM THE MINISTER

It was with sadness that after over 300 years of Sunday worship at Pentref, we felt that we had to shut the doors of the chapel during the lock-down.



Although the chapel building has been closed, the work of the church has carried on as people have prayed and cared for each other through telephone calls and the 'wonders' of modern technology. Bible reflections and Communion services have been enabled through Zoom.

In response to the Welsh Assembly's relaxation of the lock-down regulations, the chapel is going to re-open for public worship on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am.

Although we will be meeting once again, 'normal service' will not be resumed. The relaxation of the rules around the lock-down allows us to meet again but there are still a number of restrictions in place. Because of this there will be no singing of hymns during the service, and no refreshments will be served after the service.

Before the chapel can re-open the leaders of the chapel are required to carry out a risk assessment. This risk assessment has been completed and a full copy of it can be read on the chapel's website: [www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk)

On the day of re-opening there will be stewards on the door to guide people into the building whilst maintaining the required social distancing.

If any of the following points apply to you then please do not attend:

- Those experiencing Corona-virus symptoms:
  - New continuous cough
  - High Temperature
  - Loss of or change to your normal sense of smell or taste
- Those who are self-isolating

- Those who have been contacted and advised to self-isolate by Track & Trace.

By following the guidelines laid down by the Welsh Assembly, the leaders of the chapel are making every effort to ensure that those who attend are kept as safe as possible under the circumstances, but it is of course up to the individual to make the decision about whether or not it is safe for them to attend.

The extremely vulnerable (defined as those who have received a letter from the Welsh Government informing them that they ought to shield) are advised to take special care.

The vulnerable (defined as those who are over 70 or have an underlying health condition which would make them more likely to be seriously ill if they caught the virus) are also advised to take special care.

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new faces to join us for worship on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Sunday Services will continue on Sunday morning for the foreseeable future. Other activities in the chapel building will recommence when the Welsh Assembly permits them to re-start.

If you are unable to attend worship on a Sunday Morning, an audio recording of the service will be available online. Follow the 'Sermons on the Web' link on the chapel's website.

On Sunday evenings at 5:00pm & Thursday afternoons at 2:30pm Bible Reflections and Communion Services will continue in the virtual world on Zoom. To get a link to join the meetings please email the secretary on [Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com](mailto:Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com)

May God continue to bless you in these strange and difficult times.

Steve

From November the chapel newsletter will resume as normal and will be delivered to every house in the village. If you have anything that you would like included please email it to: [steveoncomputer@aol.com](mailto:steveoncomputer@aol.com) by Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

# **REGULAR MEETINGS**

**SUNDAY 10:30AM**

**Morning worship  
in the chapel**

**SUNDAY 5:00PM**

**Bible Reflection with Prayer  
Bible Reflection with**

**Communion**

**(Alternate Sundays)  
Via Zoom**

**THURSDAY 2:30PM**

**Bible Reflection with Prayer  
Via Zoom**

**To get a link to join the Zoom Meetings please  
email the secretary at:**

**[Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com](mailto:Elsa.harflett@hotmail.com)**

The minister of the chapel is available not just for those who come to chapel but to anyone in the village who needs help and support:

- If you want someone to talk to who will listen, get in touch and he will arrange a visit.
- If you would like someone to pray with you, please get in touch and he will arrange a visit.
- If you are going into hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please let the minister know and if possible, he will visit.

The minister of the chapel is here as chaplain to the village. If he can be of help in any way, please get in touch.

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