



Merry
CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY
New Year

The LINK

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Newport Night Shelter 2018—2019

During the coldest winter months, a group of Newport churches open their doors and hearts to welcome in the city's homeless from the streets. We provide a hot supper and drinks, a warm, safe bed for the night, toiletries, breakfast in the morning, and genuine friendship.

Night shelter 2018-19 is up and running.

We are excited once again to be able to provide emergency accommodation to homeless people this winter in partnership with Newport churches.

The first night (26 Nov) got off to an excellent start, with everything going smoothly. We had a total of 14 referrals asking for emergency assistance, with 9 people accessing the shelter. Work now starts to find homes for those who we are supporting.

St Julian's Baptist Church are accommodating the homeless on Saturday nights through till the end of January 2019.

Many thanks indeed to all the volunteers, without whom it would not be possible to run the Night Shelter.

Financial donations are also needed so if you would like to support this work, visit www.edengate.org.uk

Night shelter is a part of the work of **Eden Gate**. There are many other ways of volunteering, particularly at our First Contact outreach sessions during the week.



Christmas lunch

If you will be alone this Christmas and would like some company, we would be delighted to have you at our Christmas Lunch.

Please contact Jan on 01633 678789 for further details.

ZOOPERS

Time
Out

Breakfast and After School Club
at St Julian's Baptist Church Hall
Beaufort Rd, Newport, NP19 7PZ

CHILD
CARE

Fun, stimulating and safe Childcare. Pick up and drop off to St. Julian's Primary School. Children from other schools accepted although own transport must be provided.



Children aged 3 to 12 years

Registered with CSSIW



For further information: Lyn and Viv: 07887396455
zoopersafterschoolclub@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move? Santa Pause	What did the cow get for Christmas? A COWculator!
Why is it always cold at Christmas? Because it's Decemberrrrrrrr!	What do elves learn in school? The elf-abet.
What's Santa's favorite candy? Jolly Ranchers!	What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed? A cookie sheet!
What's red and white, red and white, red and white? Santa Claus rolling down a hill.	What do you call a snowman in the summer? A puddle!

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Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.

JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

The Big Christmas Sing



By Candlelight,

with Guests

and all your favourite Carols

Sunday 16th December

6:30pm

at St Julians Baptist Church

*Followed by Warm Mince pies,
Mulled Wine, Tea and Coffee*





Green light for new hall at St Julian's Baptist Church

St. Julians are delighted to have been granted planning permission and funding from the Welsh Government for our new Jubilee Hall. This will replace the old Banbury building to the left of the church with a larger, multi-purpose permanent building. This will be on the same site but extending forward in line with the existing front of the church. There will be a larger main hall which can be split into two smaller ones, plus a new kitchen equipped for catering, a full range of toilet facilities (including disabled, baby changing facilities and a wet room), two smaller rooms behind the main hall, extra storage space and a small enclosed outside children's play area. There will be extra parking spaces, but we are planning to keep as much green space as possible which will continue to be used for play, and the trees which needed to be taken down will be replaced as recommended by the planning department.



Jesus confirmed that the love of God is to be the very first priority in our lives. He showed us that if we love God and do what He wants for our world, then everything in our lives will fall into perspective.

Because of this, worship of God has to be our starting point. As we put God in his rightful place in our lives, our lives become renewed, directed and focused on what is true, right and lovely. Worship of God is therefore fundamental to our life as a church.

The church is intended to be a place where all can come and worship God, from the youngest child and the coolest teenager, to the oldest adult. We know we cannot be all things to all men, but we can come together as a family and worship Him. As we focus on God, we are changed to be more and more like Him. We seek to touch God's heart and be open to Him so He can speak into our situations as we allow Him to lead us by His Spirit.

We have a deep need of God, and our desire is to learn from Him and follow closer every day. As you would expect, our service regularly includes celebrating communion. This is open to all who know Jesus as their Saviour—members and visitors alike.

Our music is a mix of the old and new. Our aim is to be led by God's Spirit – to be neither particularly contemporary nor traditional but God focused.

After the morning service we have tea and coffee so we can spend time together as a family. So please come and share the special time we call 'Church'.

It's the busiest time of the year at Raven House

Raven House provide food and furniture for people in need all year around but Christmas is particularly busy for them.

Might you be able to offer help for a few hours each week, please?

The shop is situated in Cromwell Road, Lliswerry and is open Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm and Friday 9-12am.

Please contact Maggie Smith on 01633 762999

This Christmas, all offerings received at the **Big Christmas Sing, Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning** services will go to **Raven House**. www.ravenhouse.org

Men's Breakfast @ St Julian's Baptist Church



On the 1st Saturday of each month we serve a buffet style full English breakfast consisting of egg, bacon, sausage, beans, tomatoes, mushrooms, hash brown, onion rings, toast, juices, tea and coffee.

Meeting from **8:30am** for prompt **9am** serving.

Meet other Men from all walks of life for an enjoyable friendly experience, discussion and listen to the guest speaker.

Contact Nick Taylor—Tel Newport 258067 for booking.

We are excited about the prospects for expanding our work within the community with these improved facilities! Recently we have been using our buildings to full capacity, and this will allow more people to use the buildings for activities in the future. We are very grateful for the positive support from our local Councillor Deborah Davies, MP Jessica Morden and AM John Griffiths, who said to the Argus “This funding is thoroughly well deserved and will ensure the church can continue to develop and provide vital services to the community in St Julian’s and beyond for years to come”.

It has also been great to listen to ideas from the community about things you'd like us to offer, and if you have any more ideas or suggestions, please do get in touch. The plans are also on display in the church, so why not come to a Sunday service at 10.30am and chat about the plans over a coffee after. Or you may like to come to one of our special Christmas carol events.

We hope to start demolition of the existing building and subsequent building work in January, and anticipate the work continuing through to the summer. Plans are in place to keep local disturbance to a minimum, and we are working with all our existing partners to enable them to continue to use the building as fully as possible while building work takes place. It's going to need lots of effort, but we are sure the end result will be a community facility we can all enjoy for many decades to come!

Christmas Savings at Newport Credit Union

Can you imagine having no money worries at Christmas time?

Newport Credit Union's Christmas Savers account has proved invaluable to members over the years.

You can save as little or as much as you like, as often as you like, but can only access your savings between 1st November and 31st December each year.

You can have this account alongside a normal share account and even be running a loan at the same time!

When you make your withdrawal, you receive actual money rather than the vouchers which other Christmas Clubs offer.

Collection Points—Visit us at St Julian's Baptist Church,
Beaufort Road **-Every Tuesday** (10.30am – 12.00pm)

Newport Credit Union Indoor Market, Upper Dock Street,
Newport, South Wales, NP20 1DD

e: info@newportcreditunion.co.uk t: 01633 214913

Many happy Christmases at George Muller children's home

For many years my sister Grace worked at George Muller, and I loved going there to stay, children and animals everywhere. It was on Clifton Down, Bristol.

Every Christmas as soon as Christmas dinner was over, my brother John and I would go over the bridge, and he would change into Father Christmas and I was his little helper.

It was wonderful, those children would have a small gift in the morning before church. But then they would give us a rendition of the nativity which they had made up themselves.

Father Christmas would then appear and hand out presents. Muller's have never asked for anything but lived by faith alone. They had a lovely life those children.

My sister still has letters and cards from most of them to this day. Also we still have Robert, who grew up in Muller's but came home as part of our family at 15 years old.

All of my Christmases have been happy because of the reason for the season, the birth of Jesus Christ. But my memories of Muller I pray will never fade.

Happy Christmas all.

Jen Draper



Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10pm to 4am on a Friday and Saturday night, to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

Newport Street Pastors have been patrolling in the City Centre for the last 9 years. We have built good relationships with the public, the police, the door staff and City Council. We have had some amazing experiences as we have trusted God to lead us to people that need help or just to talk, we have waited for numerous ambulances and have had many opportunities to show the love of God to the people that are part of our city.

How can you help?

- **We need more Street Pastors!** If this is something that you would like to be involved with please contact us. We would love to take you out with us one night as an observer.
- **Night base,** We have a night base to provide refreshments to Street Pastors and Police. We need people to help in the night base while the Street Pastors are patrolling.
- **Prayer partners,** We cannot do this without God leading us and giving us wisdom to deal with the situations we face. If you could be a dedicated Prayer Partner to a Street Pastor please contact us.
- **Finance,** It costs approx. £300 to provide a new Street Pastor with training and a uniform. If you feel you are able to donate we would be really grateful.
- If you have any questions or want to get involved please call or email. **Phill Jones— Coordinator Newport Street Pastors**
Mobile: 07775906888 Email: Newport@streetpastors.org.uk

Newport street pastors is a registered charity no. 1147161



I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity and God gave me brawn and brain to work.

I asked for courage and God gave me difficulties to overcome.

I asked for patience and God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.

I asked for Love and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favours and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted.
I received everything I needed.





A warm welcome
awaits you

- this
Christmas
at St Julian's
Baptist
Church

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER
6:30 PM BIG CHRISTMAS SING

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER
10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE
MIDNIGHT SERVICE
11:30 PM BY CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE