

Ebenezer Annibynwyr Chapel (Union of Welsh Independents) “the congregation that re-imagines itself as a new way of being church”



THINKING ABOUT:

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WATCH THE VIDEO and as you do ask:

- How is Ebenezer church reaching out to the diverse Cardiff communities?
- In what new ways has the church re-imagined itself?
- How does word and action come together in the mission of Ebenezer?



DIGGING DEEPER Read Acts 2: 1-13

Acts 2 recalls the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fills the disciples with heavenly power and enables them to engage in mission in new ways. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, is able to address a whole crowd of people who are amazed at the linguistic abilities of the once very ordinary disciples. The stories of Pentecost and Ebenezer are examples of churches re-imagining their future in order to reach out in mission. The gift of the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost to create a new way of being the church and has continued to come and help us to re-imagine church ever since.

- As you think about your church community where is Holy Spirit inviting you to be creative and imaginative?
- What gifts are evident in your community and how might these be developed? Are there gifts that are overlooked or unwanted?
- Where is God’s missionary Spirit inviting your church to go in mission and in what ways does this require us to change and re-imagine our church community?



MOVING FORWARDS: So now think about how this could apply in your context

- How is Christianity “outward looking” as you experience it in your church community?

- “It’s important that we have something to contribute to society...” what does your church community contribute and how might this contribute grow and deepen?
- In what ways is “Christianity different to religion?” How is Christianity “full of life” “fresh and radical?”
- Ebenezer looked at its life and asked what is God asking of us today, what is God asking of your church community in this moment?