



## Clwb Coffi opened August '20

In August, John and I were finally able to open Clwb Coffi. For those that don't know - Clwb Coffi is a coffee shop for the people of the Rhondda showing God's love and heart for regeneration through coffee. In 2017 our high street was voted 'Wales worst high street' and that just didn't sit comfortably with us. Our response was to open this coffee shop to not only help regenerate our high street but to also create a space for community that may be an easier access point for people than church on a Sunday. We also aim to be a kingdom business and try to make ethical and sustainable choices wherever possible, which we believe brings glory to God. It's been an incredible journey so far. Covid has created lots of ups and downs, but we're thrilled to say that we've been able to create three jobs for local young adults. And we've been building relationships and some people have got involved in church community as a result. Please come and visit!

## Covid-19 recovery

Like all churches in the UK, we're in that strange transition stage of 'coming out of Covid' with less restrictions and trying to work out what church life looks like now.

Some people seem so excited to get back to 'normal' church life, others seem to have disengaged during lock down and then there's those that have found faith through our online services. But we cling onto the verse in Hebrews 10:25 - we should not give up meeting together.

Foodbank has continued to be busy during this season, and now we are re-opening / starting a few groups such as Hope Toddlers and a seeker-friendly Marriage course.

We're also trialling starting a THIRD congregation in an estate called Trebanog (pictured below). We're starting 'Thursday Night Church' with a few people meeting in a community hall. This estate has a bit of a reputation and feels like hard ground, but with lots of gospel potential.



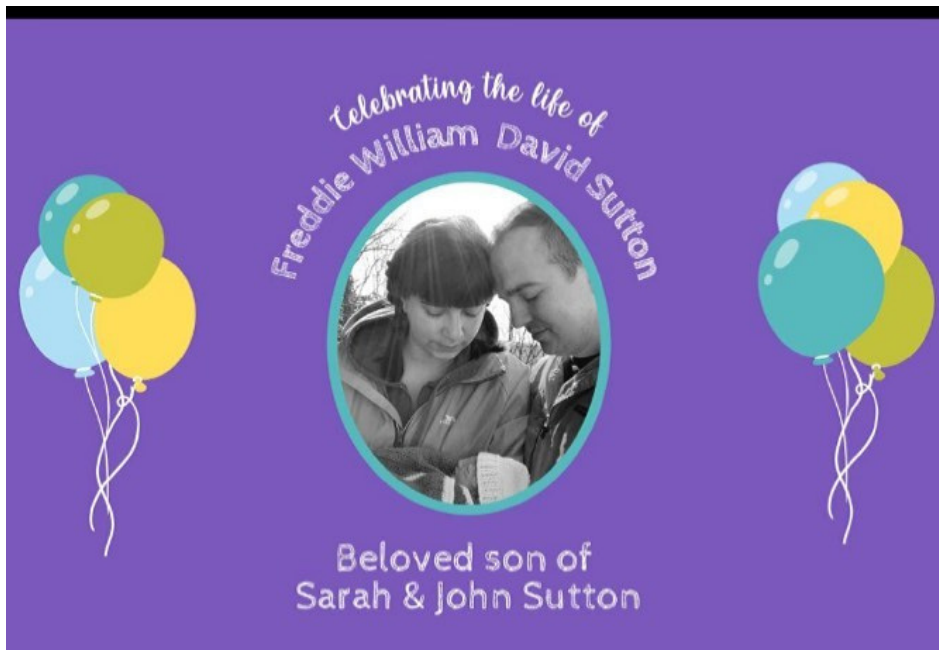


## Tough times

John and I have faced a very difficult year in our personal lives. We were expecting the arrival of our baby boy in April 2021 but at our 20 week scan we received the news of a tragic terminal diagnosis.

We chose to celebrate and treasure the time that we had with Freddie and sadly he passed away during labour. We held a funeral to celebrate his life and thank God for him. The last few months we have spent a lot of time grieving and being supported by friends, family and our amazing church family. We've been moved at how our church family have shown us how it looks to grieve together as a community.

Many people at St Michael's have also reached out and shown us love and support and we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



## Clwb Coffi future plans

We're grateful to God for all that Clwb Coffi has been but we're excited for future plans

- Starting hosting evening community events
- Hoping to grow our staff team
- Future partnership with Hope Church, hosting Alpha courses / outreach events
- Continuing to work with the Chamber of Trade to help improve our town

## Please pray for

We would really value your prayers for the following

For opportunities to build relationships, especially at Clwb Coffi

For people's hearts to be softened to the gospel, especially in Trebanog

For Covid recovery on our high street

For John and I as we continue to grieve the loss of our son Freddie

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*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted  
Psalm 34:18a*

I am so grateful for your kind and faithful support towards John, myself, Hope Church Rhondda & Clwb Coffi in Tonypandy. We are so blessed to be partnered with you in the gospel. Thank you so much for the many ways in which you support us. We are praying for you!

The picture top left is some bible verses in the church window and bottom left is from the funeral service for Freddie.