



HOPE⁺
CHURCH RHONDDA

SARAH & JOHN SUTTON - TONYPANDY

Mission Partner of the Month - August 2022



God working through suffering

Honestly, life has been really hard for us for the past 18 months as we are in a season of suffering in our personal lives. There have been lots of days where we have felt unable to continue with the vision that God has given us, because we feel very weak. But every day we get up, and go and serve our high street in spite of that, and somehow God gives us just enough strength for each day. We have learnt that God works through suffering, and he continues to grow Clwb Coffi and continues to change people's perceptions of this town, and brings people to Hope Church Rhondda despite our circumstances.

God does not promise us an easy life, but he does promise us that if we accept His amazing gospel, He will be with us through it all, and that one day everything will be made new - Revelation 21:4.

Clwb Coffi

Hello everyone at St Michael's!
Thank you for all your love and support. Let us tell you a little bit about Clwb Coffi...

In 2017, Tonypanydy high street was voted 'Wales' worst high street' and that just didn't sit right with us. As a reflection of our faith, and belief that God is a God of regeneration, in 2020 we chose to open Clwb Coffi right in the heart of our high street. It's now been 2 years and it's been quite a journey...

When you're working hard it's not always easy to zoom out and celebrate how far you've come but recently someone in the regeneration team in our local authority told us that we were making a huge difference to our town, which allowed us to reflect and be thankful to God for the positive impact we are having.

We've finally seen 2 new businesses join the high street, one of which we are pictured below picking up delicious pasta from!

See the next page for what else we've been up to at Clwb Coffi.





Clwb Coffi news

Here are some things we've been up to

- Running evening events like book club, open mic & quiz
- Started a 'suspended coffee' scheme to help in cost of living crisis
- We're being given opportunities to support other businesses, pictured on left is Sarah on a panel at a business start up event
- Continuing to work with the Chamber of Trade to help improve our town
- Sponsored a local sports team, which has created so many great relationships!

Please pray for

We would really value your prayers for the following

Strength to carry on every day

For gospel-centered relationships with customers

For the new businesses to do well

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He will wipe every tear from their eyes
Revelation 21:4a

We are so grateful for your kind and faithful support towards us, Hope Church Rhondda & Clwb Coffi in Tonypany. 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. Please visit anytime!

The picture on the left is our suspended coffee sign, top right is John wearing our sponsors' kit from Porth Cricket Club and bottom right is a birds eye view of Tonypany.

Hope Church Rhondda

After Covid, our Tonypany and Treorchy sites are having a season of meeting together again, to rebuild and grow. The site in Trebanog continues to do really well and the team are working hard to establish community up there.

A youth club has started in Tonypany and they are hoping to go to a youth camp over the summer. One of the great things about being in a small community, is that many of the young people I (Sarah) have seen come and go in youth clubs in Hope Church over the years are still in Tonypany, and quite a few now visit the coffee shop. This is an example of why long-term mission can be so effective: we get to do life alongside people, and we hope and pray they see our faith outworking in what we do.

