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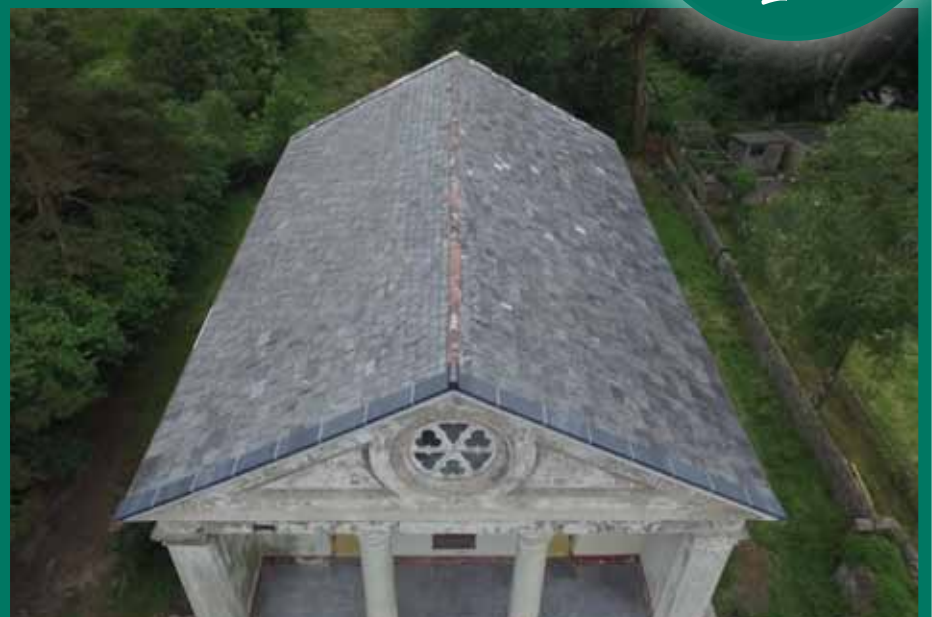
In September Trustees and staff received the very sad news that Richard Spencer Dean, our architect at Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, had passed away suddenly. Richard had a passion for Wales' chapels and churches and was a good and longstanding friend and supporter of Addoldai Cymru. We will all miss him.

2018 has been an exceptionally busy year for Addoldai Cymru with major repair contracts successfully completed at three of our chapels. Thanks should be paid to our contractors, architects and hard-working staff. In 2019 we still have much to do!

For Sale: Christmas Cards

As we fast approach the festive season we have a number of Christmas Cards for sale. These can be ordered on our website. www.welshchapels.org

Thank you for your support - it is appreciated!
We welcome local friends and supporters at all our various projects



Peniel Chapel Tremadog

An Aerial View, Peniel, Tremadog

Aerial photography using drone technology, used by the Original Roofing Company Ltd, helped to capture the new roof repairs at the Grade I Peniel, Tremadog, Gwynedd.

The Trust received £110,000 from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Grant awarded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and £21,435 from the Listed Places of Worship (VAT) grant scheme. The contract was awarded to a local contractor from Blaenau Ffestiniog: The Original Roofing Company. Architect: Donald Insall Associates.

To date, over £1,500 has been raised from public donations. Whatever is raised through this appeal will assist Addoldai Cymru in leveraging further funds from grant making bodies to enable us to complete work to the pediment. Thank you to all who have supported to date.



We would also like to welcome the local group Cefnogi Ffoaduriaid (Supporting Refugees) who are now based in the vestry at Peniel.

New Roof and Ceiling, **Beili Du**, Pentre-bach



The new roof has been completed at the Grade II Beili Du in Pentre-bach, near Sennybridge, Powys. Due to the severe deterioration of the inferior 1950s ceiling caused by defects in the roof, we were able to use the Listed Places of Worship Roof Grant awarded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to provide a new lath and plaster ceiling. Contractor: David A. Siggery Ltd. Architect: Alwyn Jones Penseiri Architects.

Feasibility Study, **Beili Du**, Pentre-bach



The Griffiths Heritage Consultancy Ltd has been appointed to carry out a feasibility study for the sensitive redevelopment of the vestry and stable at Beili Du.

This has been funded by Powys Council's Rural Development Funding programme, Arwain.



A consultation period was launched at the Shoemakers Arms in Pentre-bach on 22nd September 2018, which will continue until the end of 2018.

Exhibition, **Bethania, Maesteg**

Côr Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch entertained visitors to the Baptist Heritage and Chapel China exhibition at Bethania in September 2018, The exhibition was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Wales.

The internal electrics were upgraded thanks to a donation from the Peter and Teresa Charitable Trust

This has also enabled us to reconnect the organ which was made by J.G. Binns, and is fully pneumatic and blown by a large discus motor made by Watkins and Watson. We are very pleased to thank Rodney Briscoe, from W. Boggis and Sons of Norfolk, for his recent visit to carry out a condition survey of the organ; we are currently awaiting this report. In the meantime, the organ has been played by Peter David from Smyrna Chapel, Penyfai and we can thankfully say it is working, if not in perfect condition. We would like to extend our thanks to both for their time and effort in supporting the Trust with this.

The Choir will be joined by other guests at our first Christmas Carol Concert at the chapel just before Christmas. A warm welcome is extended to all to join us.



Consultation, **Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, Trecynon**



The Trust continues to work towards the development of Hen Dŷ Cwrdd. We spent a week at Aberdare Market and four days at the Cynon Valley Museum, displaying artefacts and images relating to the chapel's long history. We collected over 100 completed questionnaires.

The Trust is also thankful to have received a grant of £3,900 for the reintroduction of electricity to the chapel from the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund.



The local Unitarians will be holding a Christmas Service there on 2nd December at 11.00am. All welcome.

New publications :

A Welsh Baptist Trail; detailing the Baptist Chapels of Bridgend. Free



Welsh Nonconformity : Historic Chapel life in Pictures £5 each.



Please Make a Donation

The generosity of our supporters is very important to our work. A donation can be applied either to our work at a specific building, or to the general work of the Trust.

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Via your bank: Send us a cheque, set up a standing order, or donate directly to our bank account (**HSBC 40-16-02 31518097**) (please provide a reference so that we can identify your donation)

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Please join the Friends of Addoldai Cymru. Your subscription will provide the Trust with a modest but very useful donation. Membership is open to all and costs £10 a year. Membership form and bank standing order form are available on the Trust's website, or contact the Trust's office.

Further details and forms are on our website www.welshchapels.org and look for the Donate button

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