

ANNUAL REPORT

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023



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James
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Pant-y-fedwen

Foundation

Trustees 2022–23

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Reverend Nan Wyn Powell–Davies (appointed July 2022)

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History

The James Pantyfedwen Foundation began its operations on 1 April 1998 being the successor to two former Foundations – the Catherine and Lady Grace James Foundation (established in 1957) and the John and Rhys Thomas James Foundation (established in 1967). Both these Foundations had been set up by the late Sir D J James in memory of his parents, his wife and his brother, and his aim was to create a permanent endowment to benefit the people of Wales. All the purposes of the original two Foundations have been safeguarded within the provisions of the James Pantyfedwen Foundation. The Foundation currently interprets its aims by supporting the following groups of beneficiaries:

- students undertaking postgraduate study, being PhD or Masters' students from Wales;
- individual chapels and churches wishing to improve and repair the fabric of the buildings with priority given to improvements linked to local mission and outreach projects, or churches and chapels wishing to buy and install various digital or musical equipment in order to promote worship and outreach;
- national and local Eisteddfodau;
- Christian workers wishing to undertake intensive courses linked to the development of their work and mission;
- publications in the fields of theology, religion or philosophy.

Trustees

The work of the Foundation is undertaken by nineteen Trustees. Six of these are ex-officio Trustees, representing various denominations in Wales (the Church in Wales, the Presbyterian Church of Wales, the Union of Welsh Independents, the Baptist Union of Wales and the Unitarians in Wales), and the National Eisteddfod of Wales. There are also thirteen Ordinary Trustees. There were two changes amongst the Trustees during 2022–23.

Ken Richards resigned from the Board of Trustees in July 2022 after twenty years of service. He was thanked for his much-valued contributions and support over the years, and his expertise in financial matters and investments has been truly appreciated by the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Wales is an ex-officio Trustee of the Foundation, and in June 2022, the Reverend Meirion Morris retired from post, and therefore from the Examining Committee of the Foundation. During his ten years in office, his support for the work of the Foundation had always been appreciated, and the Trustees wished him well on his retirement. The Reverend Nan Wyn Powell-Davies was appointed as the new General Secretary and was welcomed to her first meeting of the Board of Trustees in July 2022.

Finance and Investments

The 2022–23 financial year again proved challenging and volatile for the markets, within the UK and globally, with the continuing war between Russia and Ukraine, inflation rising to double figures, the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in the US and the rushed takeover of Credit Suisse in Europe, and interest rates continuing to rise throughout the year. By 31 March 2023, the Foundation's total funds were valued at £16,114,255, compared to a figure of £16,786,795 the previous year.

The Trustees seek to secure a balance between income and enhancing the capital from the investments within a diversified portfolio. The level of risk remains at a medium/high level, consistent with an asset distribution heavily loaded in equities. The Foundation continues the relationship with Evelyn Partners (previously Tilney/Smith and Williamson), under the discretionary model of management agreed in 2016.

The income secured from investments during 2022–23 was better than the previous couple of years, and the total income over the year was £588,105. Most of this income is received from investments and rent, although many external bodies now hire the facilities at Pantyfedwen for meetings and conferences, bringing in some extra annual income. However, the costs of running the charity have increased over the last few years, and the Trustees are aware of the need for more income to ensure sufficient funds for the distribution of grants and the administration of the Foundation.

Reserves

Trustees have determined that they will retain as reserves a sum which is not less than the equivalent of one year's full income.

Risk Register

In line with the requirements set by the Charity Commission, the Trustees have compiled a register of potential risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate these risks. The risk register is now reviewed on a regular basis and was last reviewed in November 2022.

Grants

Grants authorised during the year amounted to £436,753. Grants paid in the year came to £514,631.

The total amount paid was distributed as follows:

Religious Buildings	£90,000.00	Eisteddfodau	£83,507.00
Equipment and Resources	£12,250.00	Urdd Gobaith Cymru	£24,500.00
Educational Purposes (Students)	£304,374.00		
			£514,631.00

Grants paid to churches (buildings, equipment and resources) and Eisteddfodau are shown on the next few pages of this Annual Report.

Under educational purposes, grants were paid to 69 postgraduate students to support their Masters' and PhD tuition fees, up to a maximum of £5,000 in each case.

List of grants paid to churches for work on buildings in 2022/23

Church in Wales	Eglwys Dewi Sant, Cardiff	£2,000.00
	St Mary's Church, Wenvoe	£2,000.00
	St Elli's Church, Llanelli	£10,000.00
	St Catherine's Church, Canton	£1,000.00
	St Denys' Church, Lisvane	£10,000.00
	St Mary's Church, Brecon	£1,000.00
	St Fagan's Church, Trecynon	£4,000.00
	St Mary's Church, Llanfair Talhaiarn	£2,000.00
		£32,000.00
Congregational	Eglwys Annibynnol Nanternis	£1,000.00
		£1,000.00
Baptist	Calvary Baptist Church, Brynmawr	£8,000.00
	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Swansea	£4,000.00
	Tabernacle Church, Merthyr Tudful	£3,000.00
		£15,000.00
Presbyterian	Capel Llwyndyrus	£10,000.00
		£10,000.00
Presbyterian/Baptist	Capel Moreia Llangefni – Canolfan Glanhwfa Cyf	£12,000.00
		£12,000.00
Other Churches	Sts David Lewis and Francis Xavier Church, Usk	£3,000.00
	Caersalem Church, St Mellons	£5,000.00
	Tabernacle Evangelical Church, Cardiff	£4,000.00
	Mount Elim Evangelical Church, Pontardawe	£8,000.00
		£20,000.00

List of grants paid to churches for equipment and resources in 2022/23

Church in Wales	All Saints Church, Porthcawl	£2,000.00
	St Peter's Church, Rhose	£750.00
		£2,750.00
Presbyterian	Capel y Groes, Wreccsam	£750.00
	Capel Bethesda, Mold	£750.00
		£1,500.00
Congregational	Eglwys Annibynnol Bethel, Penarth	£2,000.00
	Capel y Tabernacl, Efail Isaf	£2,000.00
	Hope-Siloh Church, Pontarddulais	£2,000.00
		£6,000.00
Methodist	St Paul's Methodist Centre, Aberystwyth	£2,000.00
		£2,000.00

List of grants paid to support Eisteddfodau in 2022/23

Eisteddfod Rhydlewys	£144.00	Eisteddfod Llangadog a'r Cylch	£442.00
Eisteddfod Bro Aled Llansannan	£500.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Dyffryn Ogwen	£500.00
Eisteddfod Teulu James Pontrhydfendigaid	£8,200.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llanllyfni	£364.00
Eisteddfod Pandy Tudur	£263.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Trefeglwys, Caersws	£357.00
Eisteddfod Dyffryn Conwy Llanrwst	£500.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Brynberian	£192.00
Eisteddfod Dihewyd	£192.00	Eisteddfod Garndolbenmaen a'r Cylch	£245.00
Eisteddfod Rhys Thomas James Llambled	£10,000.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyrnog	£213.00
Eisteddfod Môn	£1,448.00	Eisteddfod Fach Capel Dewi, Caerfyrddin	£62.00
Eisteddfod Calan Mai Betws yn Rhos	£156.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandyfaelog	£340.00
Eisteddfod Marianglas	£304.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Rhydlewys a'r Cylch	£43.00
Eisteddfod Llanuwchllyn	£466.00	Eisteddfod Llawrplwy a Phenstryd, Trawsfynydd	£451.00
Eisteddfod Mynydd y Garreg	£49.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llandderfel	£457.00
Eisteddfod Calan Mai Aberystwyth	£300.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Bancffosfelen	£218.00
Eisteddfod Heol Senni	£225.00	Eisteddfod y Foel a'r Cylch	£173.00
Eisteddfod Ryngwladol Llangollen	£12,000.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Caerdydd	£500.00
Eisteddfod Gadeiriol y Tymbl	£460.00	Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Bryngwenith	£88.00
Eisteddfod Bethel a'r Cylch	£204.00	Eisteddfod Chwilog	£380.00
Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Capel Newydd, Abergorlech	£269.00	Eisteddfod Felinfach	£304.00
Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Crymych	£420.00	Eisteddfod Llanarth	£83.00
Eisteddfod y Cymoedd, Ystrad Mynach	£500.00	Eisteddfod Cwmystwyth	£500.00
Eisteddfod Gadeiriol, Pumsaint	£280.00	Eisteddfod Bethel, Melin y Coed	£254.00
Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Llanegryn	£226.00	Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru – National Eisteddfod (2022)	£20,000.00
Eisteddfod Flynyddol Abergynolwyn	£235.00	Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru – National Eisteddfod (2023)	£20,000.00
			£83,507.00

Grants for STUDENTS

Pantfyedwen receives around 300 student grant applications every year. During 2022–23, the Trustees were able to offer 69 awards, each of these to support the tuition fee costs of Masters' or PhD students in universities within Wales and beyond. The maximum grant paid to any individual is £5,000 and at least 75% of student grants are now awarded to individuals intending to study in the universities of Wales.

A SELECTION OF REPORTS RECEIVED DURING 2022/23

There are many more to be seen on the James Pantfyedwen website: www.jamespantfyedwen.cymru.



Iolo Jones

Since the summer of 2022, I have been working in the field of social research (as Project and Research Manager for IAITH.cyf, a Welsh centre for language planning) and I must thank the James Pantfyedwen Foundation for their role in enabling this. After almost half a decade working as a Welsh-medium journalist, and as a result of considerable reflection during the pandemic, it became clear to me that I needed to change my career path. My ambition was a job related to language policy and planning, and I soon realized that I would need to return to academia to realize this goal. The MA Linguistics course at SOAS University, London, was the ideal option for me, but I had concerns about the financial burden of such a decision. Fortunately, I received a grant from the James Pantfyedwen Foundation which gave me the security I needed to proceed with my plans.

The course was so beneficial on many levels. Every week I spent hours learning from one of the main figures in the field of language revival, Julia Sallabank. I developed the skills a social researcher needs in the field of language regeneration, while also developing my understanding of my own identity as a Welsh-speaking Welshman. The course also gave me the opportunity to meet people from very different linguistic backgrounds, deepening my understanding of the cultural wealth of the world. I would also like to believe that more people are aware of the Welsh language and its situation, thanks to my enthusiastic discussions on my native language!



Amy O'Hare

I completed the Bar Training Course at Cardiff University with an additional Masters' qualification in hope of becoming a barrister in England and Wales. I have always held part-time employment alongside my studies, but I knew that the Bar course was going to be more demanding and time-consuming than anything I had ever done. The grant I received from the James Pantfyedwen Foundation enabled me to still work part-time but prioritise my course as it relieved some of the financial pressures that I had been worried about. The grant allowed me to dedicate more time to the course and I passed the Bar Course, achieving the fourth overall highest mark in the year and the highest mark in criminal advocacy. I was also successful in my application for pupillage to practice in Chester and North Wales. This grant has allowed me to achieve my potential, complete the Bar course and obtain pupillage in Wales as I had hoped. I cannot thank the James Pantfyedwen Foundation enough.



Morganna Warren-Jones

I was very fortunate to be awarded a grant by the James Pantyfedwen Foundation to support my second year of postgraduate studies (MMus) in classical voice and opera at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. The generous grant gave me the financial security to be able to focus fully on my studies without any additional worries and stress. It also allowed me the time to accept leading roles in the two operas at college (Madame Flora in Menotti's *The Medium* and Marcellina in Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*) as well as developing a role in a new opera called *Drought* in a partnership between the RNCM and BBC Philharmonic.

I took part in a number of competitions and reached the final of the MOCSA Young Welsh Singer of the Year and won the two prestigious competitions for singers at the RNCM: the Frederic Cox award and the Kennedy Strauss award. I was offered the role of Vava in the Welsh National Opera Youth Company's production of *Cherry Town, Moscow* as part of WNO's Autumn season and over the summer I got my first professional opera contract singing in the chorus for *La donna del lago* by Rossini at the Buxton International Festival. I am extremely grateful to the James Pantyfedwen Foundation for their support.



Lucy Zocek

I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to the James Pantyfedwen Foundation for providing me with a scholarship towards my MSc in Clinical and Health Psychology in Bangor University. The financial aid that I received allowed me to complete my degree in the absence of additional stress and allowed me to become the first person in my immediate family to complete both an undergraduate and postgraduate degree.

During my degree, I was able to volunteer for the UK's leading eating disorder charity, Beat, as a digital helpline volunteer and also work full time as a Health Care Support Worker in a tier 4 adolescent inpatient unit whilst also achieving a distinction in my Masters' programme. Throughout my degree, I learnt so much about so many different areas of mental health. I undertook modules in developmental psychology, clinical psychology, and neuropsychology, and also increased my knowledge of statistical testing and how to use different statistical software opting to learn a new coding programme, R, which is becoming increasingly popular in the field in place of SPSS.

At present, I am working as an Assistant Psychologist in the Older Adults Psychology Service where I am putting to use everything that I learnt in my degree. Within the upcoming years I am aiming to get onto the DClinPsy programme so I can qualify as a chartered Clinical Psychologist and achieve my dream career.

Grants for CHURCHES

The James Pantyfedwen Foundation continues to support churches and chapels in Wales by offering grants to renovate and develop their buildings, especially where the building work is related to the life and mission of the church and developing the relationship between the church and the local community. It has been a challenging few years for churches dealing with the effects of the pandemic, but many congregations have developed new ways to keep in touch with their congregations and the community. The Pantyfedwen Trustees decided to offer small grants to help churches to buy and install new equipment to help develop and promote these initiatives and many applications were received for support to buy digital equipment and screens and laptops.

Please read below a selection of reports detailing work that has been done. Further details and many more reports can be seen on the Foundation's website : www.jamespantyfedwen.cymru.



Aeon Church, Morryston

The members of Aeon Baptist Church in Morryston, were keen to see a rebuild of their meeting hall and a full refurbishment of the worship area. The project included installing a fully equipped kitchen, fully refurbished toilets with a fit-for-purpose disabled facility and a separate shower room, building a worship area fit for the future needs of the church with sealed waterproof walls and a state-of-the-art sound system, and changing the layout of the main church to have a community facing entrance. Further details regarding the building work and the difference following the project can be seen on the Aeon Baptist church website: Our New Building – Aeon Baptist Morryston.

St James' Church, Wick

Following replacing the roof of this 900-year-old Grade II listed building in 2017, the members were keen to embark on a further project to install toilet and refreshment facilities in order to improve the service that the church provides to the community. However, it soon became obvious that the building needed much essential work to address safety hazards before the members could start on a new project.

Grants were awarded from various organisations, including the Welsh Church Act Fund, the All Churches Trust, the Representative Body

of the Church in Wales, Friends of St James' Church, and the James Pantyfedwen Foundation, to support the essential work needed on the building. This included repointing the North, South and East walls of the chancel, repairing the damp damages to the internal walls, repairing the South Chancel window, removing the plinth beneath the font to remove a trip hazard and replacing it with new stone set flush to surrounding floor, moving the medieval stone away from the east wall and mounting it on new stone pillars, and making repairs to the tower and the weathercock.





Margam Calling

The Margam Calling project is an intergenerational service with a modern twist, established at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill and seeing a wide range of people attending the fortnightly services, from across the Margam Ministry Area and further afield. A regular band of musicians is available for the services, sourced locally, but there have also been other musicians leading the worship who have come from Cardiff. Other roles to support the project have been filled by volunteers from other churches in the Ministry Area. These include welcomers, volunteers who prepare and serve the refreshments, those who man the sound desk, musicians and worship leader. A volunteer has been found to manage the Margam Calling social media accounts.

Each Margam Calling service begins at 5.30 p.m. with free coffee and cake. This is an opportunity for people to socialize and get to know each other. Worship begins at 6.00 p.m. with prayer from the worship leader, this is followed by the band leading the singing of worship songs. The reading of a biblical text is followed by a themed short talk. The service ends with the singing of more songs. After the service all are encouraged to stay for pizza and drinks, for which a small donation is asked.

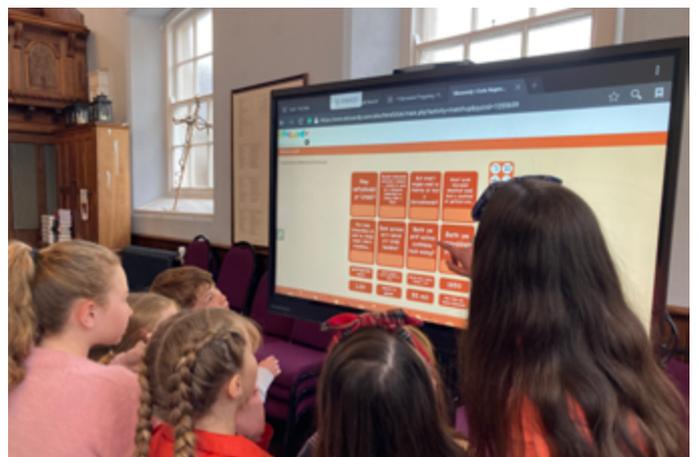
The establishment of Margam Calling was only possible with the financial support of a number of funders – the James Pantyfedwen Foundation being one. They also had support from the Mission Fund of the Diocese of Llandaff and the Bishop Radford Trust as well as the Margam Ministry area.



Hope-Siloh, Pontarddulais

“Many of the Hope-Siloh's Sunday School teachers felt that it was time to move with the times, and these feelings led to the chapel's decision to buy a 55-inch touch screen for the Vestry, thanks to generous funding from the Westhill Endowment, Birmingham, and the Pantyfedwen Foundation. We bought a screen on a trolley which can be moved smoothly from one place to another, and where we can show large and colourful presentations, show video clips, play

games, encourage interaction, with an i-pad and a computer owned by the chapel at hand...where we can offer exciting experiences to bring Christianity to life. Here we have taken our first steps in terms of digital investment, and there are still great strides to be made on the horizon. With these trendy 'shoes', I hope we can sound our praises and walk forward into tomorrow.”



Morlan-Pant-y-fedwen 2022 Annual Lecture

It was a great privilege in May 2022 to welcome the Right Reverend Jeffrey John, associate chaplain of St George's Church in Paris, to Aberystwyth to deliver the Morlan-Pant-y-fedwen Annual Lecture for 2022. Canon Enid Morgan chaired the event, and presented the lecturer, who proceeded to deliver a lecture on *The Word of the Lord? – Making the Bible Make Sense*. In this lecture, Jeffrey John unpacked critical Bible study in an entertaining and accessible way, and, by explaining anew some of the Bible's stories and parables, demonstrated why a questioning approach, so far from undermining faith, strengthens it and creates a thirst to learn more.

The text of the lecture and the video of the event can be read and watched on the Pant-y-fedwen website:
<https://www.jamespant-y-fedwen.cymru/lecture.html>

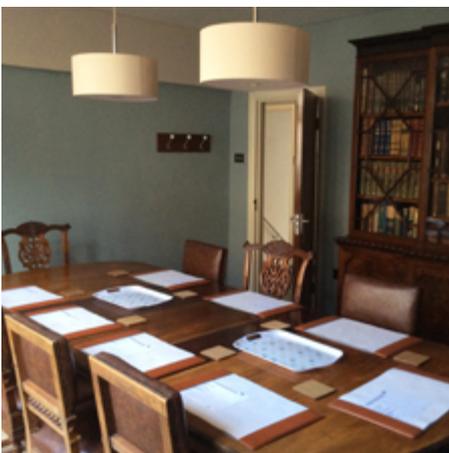


The Pant-y-fedwen Building

The facilities at Pant-y-fedwen are now used by many external organisations during the year. It is possible to hire the Tom Jones Committee Room for small meetings (up to 8 people) or the Board Room for larger meetings and conferences (up to 18/20 people). Some organisations wish to use both these rooms and the more informal reception area which can also be closed off as another private room. Both the Tom Jones Room and Board Room contain large screens which can be used for hybrid meetings and various presentations.

Over the last twelve months, these facilities have been used by various committees of the Presbyterian Church of Wales, the Union of Welsh Independents, the Crisition committee, Yes Cymru Directors, Barddas Executive Committee, the Welsh Books Council, and commercial companies such as LEB Construction.

For details regarding the hire of rooms, please contact the Pant-y-fedwen Office on 01970 612806/ post@jamespant-y-fedwen.cymru



Tom Jones Committee Room



Reception Area



Board Room