

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS

In Wales, we have just celebrated one of the great Celtic Christians, St David. His last words of advice to his followers before his death were these:



**"Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do."**

During the past year I have been both challenged and inspired by that advice.

**Be joyful.** To be honest that's been hard at times.

**Keep the faith.** Among many challenges, it's the faith that has kept me going.

**Do the little things.** Those four words have helped and encouraged me so much. A phone call, a kind word, an uplifting tweet, shopping for those who cannot leave the house – these are relatively small things to carry out, but the effect is so disproportionate to the act.

My wife, Jane, and I have returned home on a number of occasions to discover a box of chocolates, a bottle of wine or some flowers on our doormat. Often a note has been left with them – "Just want to say thank you for all you are doing." It's brought a smile to our faces and filled us both with joy. Small acts of kindness make a big impact.

It's been such a challenging year for Going Public and the team have adapted so well to the situation. As Laura says, we have run the internship programme – but not as it's ever been run before! I'm so thankful to God for these young people. They have faced all the difficulties head on and with such good grace. Megan and the Theatre In Education team have also worked hard and are currently producing videos promoting mental wellbeing that will be a great resource for schools.

Thank you again for all your prayers, support and encouragement.

**- Paul, Chair of Trust**

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# Going Public Spring Newsletter 2021



**A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER...**

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

There's something about daffodils bursting up from the ground that brightens even a grey lockdown day. Our interns are now 6 months into their 10-month programme and we have so much to commend them for. Not only have they managed to keep their sense of humour, but they have shown incredible tenacity and commitment through times of isolation (x3 for Kelly!), long winter nights, and Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting!

Once again, with the coming of spring, we are blown away by God's incredible provision. We are humbled by his generosity and strengthened by the hope this season brings. As we 'consider how the wild flowers grow', we pray that you, too, will find comfort and encouragement in these words of Jesus found in Matthew 6:

*This is why I tell you to never be worried about your life, for all that you need will be provided ... Refuse to worry about tomorrow, but deal with each challenge that comes your way, one day at a time.*



## DIOLCH O GALON (HEARTFELT THANKS)

After almost 15 years with Going Public, Cath Woolridge is moving on to an exciting new chapter in her life and that of Sound of Wales. She will be so missed, but we all know this is the right decision and she goes with our full blessing. We look forward to partnering with Sound of Wales in the future.

"I started working for Going Public in 2006 as part of the theatre company, going into schools and touring presentations for adults. In the spring of 2010 we launched a new initiative – Sound of Wales. Sound of Wales has since grown from a small handful to a collective of people all around Wales and now comprises 45 people of all ages and backgrounds, with their own styles and stories.

"Going Public is doing a wonderful job, but increasingly we have come to realise that the focus of Sound of Wales has been taking a different direction. After much prayer and many tears (Going Public has been our family for so long), we feel that God is asking us to spread our wings and take the step of becoming our own charity. Although we won't be part of Going Public's 'immediate family', we will remain as part of the 'wider family', with us both being free to head in the different directions that God is inviting us to take.

"Going Public has shaped Sound of Wales over many years, nurtured us and, more importantly, taught us how to be Jesus-centred, authentic and always servant-hearted. It is with both expectation and a 'good' kind of sadness that we leave this wonderful charity. I thank God for all that has been and will be, knowing that the best thing about it all is that God is the Lord of both Going Public and Sound of Wales.

We are excited for all that God has in store for us." – **Cath**

If you would like to keep in touch with Sound of Wales, visit:

[www.soundofwales.org.uk](http://www.soundofwales.org.uk) | [www.creativeexchange.co](http://www.creativeexchange.co)

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## AN INTERNSHIP LIKE NO OTHER

**"Somewhere between face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing, Kelly, Jacob and I found ourselves as part of the Going Public Internship Class of '21.**

"Despite lockdown, self-isolation and Glenwood Church being a building site, our internship has been full-on from day one! Though the usual ministries are on pause, we've still found a way to get stuck in (socially distanced, of course!) – different youth projects, creating content for children's online services, making food parcels, and deep-cleaning cupboards at TAVs to name just a few. We're just over halfway through the year now and I can honestly say that this has truly been an internship like no other." – **Laura**



## THE HIVE PROJECT

**We are thrilled to announce that we have secured funding from The Anchor Foundation to deliver a wellbeing project in partnership with HOPE St Mellons! We will be piloting this exciting project in Meadlowlane Primary School very soon.**

The Hive Project will involve Forest School sessions in woodland settings, live theatre (oh, how we have missed live theatre!), and wellbeing lessons, with particular emphasis on strengthening community and building self-worth. We are so grateful for the opportunity to work with HOPE St Mellons, an amazing charity that does so much wonderful work in the local community. Find out more about them here: [www.hopetrustcardiff.org/about/](http://www.hopetrustcardiff.org/about/)

