

*Announcements & Offertory*

*Offertory Prayer* - Rev'd Alistair E.J. Swinford. (Minister of Smyrna)

***Hymn: Iesu, Bugail mawr y defaid.***

Iesu, Bugail mawr y defaid,  
Noddfa'r praid o oes I oes,  
Cofia heddiw dy ddiadell,  
Ffrwyth dy ing ar bren y Groes;  
Tro dy Wyneb, edrych arnom  
Yn yr awr sancteiddol hon,  
A thosturia wrth dy gennad  
Sydd yn sefyll ger dy fron.

***Tune Ebenezer***

2 Derbyn Di ei ymgyflwyniad,  
Gwrand'o'i addunedau dwys;  
Cymorth ef wrth ymgysegry  
Ar dy Air i roi ei bwys;  
Treulio'i oes a wnelo mwyach  
Deg a glaw, ar faes a thwyn,  
I fugeilio praid dy gorlan:  
Porthi a choleddu'r wyn.

3 Dangos iddo gudd ffynfonnau  
Y pleserau sy'n dy waith  
Gorffwys wrth y dyfroedd tawel,  
A gorfoledd pen y daith;  
Gweld y Gorlan fawr dragwyddol  
Ar y bryniau uchel draw,  
Gweld dy wedd, Ben-bugail tirion,  
A'r coronau yn dy law.

*Nantlais.*

*Sermon:* Rev'd D. Euros Miles, (Minister of Ruhamah Bridgend & Noddfa Porthcawl)

***Hymn: Forward! Be our watchword.***

***Tune: Rachie***

"Forward!" be our watchword,  
Steps and voices joined;  
Seek the things before us,  
Not a look behind:  
Burns the fiery pillar  
At our army's head;  
Who shall dream of shrinking,  
By our captain led?  
Forward through the desert,  
Through the toil and fight:  
Jordan flows before us,  
Zion beams with light.

2 Forward, flock of Jesus,  
Salt of all the earth,  
Till each yearning purpose  
Spring to glorious birth,  
Sick, they ask for healing,  
Blind, they grope for day;  
Pour upon the nations  
Wisdom's loving ray.  
Forward, out of error,  
Leave behind the night;  
Forward through the darkness,  
Forward into light.

3 Glories upon glories  
Has our God prepared,  
By the souls that love Him  
One day to be shared:  
Eye has not beheld them,  
Ear has never heard;  
Nor of these has uttered  
Thought or speech a word:  
Forward, marching Forward,  
Where the heaven is bright,  
Till the veil be lifted,  
Till our faith be sight.

*Henry Alford, 1810-1871*

*Blessing:* Rev'd Alistair E.J. Swinford

**Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after this service.**

# Smyrna Baptist Church, Pen-y-fai

## Induction Service

of

Rev'd Alistair E.J. Swinford  
on  
Saturday, 4th October, 2008  
at 2.30pm

Presiding Minister:

Rev'd D. Gareth Hutchinson BA.BD.  
Superintendent of the West Glamorgan  
Welsh Baptist Association.

Organist: Mr. Peter J. David Hon.FNCM (Smyrna)

**Hymn: Christ is made a sure foundation.**

Christ is made a sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call Thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With Thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear Thy servants as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls away.

*Prayer:* Rev'd Gareth Hutchinson

*Old Testament Reading:* Isaiah 6: 1-8, Rev'd Elaine Harris. (All Saints Church, Pen-y-fai)

*New Testament Reading:* Ephesians 4: 1-16, Rev'd Alwyn Evans. (Carmel Bethania, Maesteg)

The Presiding Minister shall say:  
We are met together in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, to induct Alistair Swinford to the ministry of this church and congregation and to recognize him as pastor. It is fitting that we should first hear the steps which have led the members of this church, acting as they believe under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to call our brother to be their minister and that we should be assured that they will receive him as appointed by the Lord. It will be fitting also that he confess his faith and declare that, believing on his part that he has been called here by God, he will faithfully and diligently discharge all the duties of the pastoral office.

Statement by the Church Secretary: Mr James Dare

Statement by the Minister-Elect:

**Hymn: Pour out Thy Spirit from on high.**

Pour out Thy Spirit from on high;  
Lord, Thine ordained servants bless;  
Graces and gifts to each supply,  
And clothe them with Thy righteousness.

2 Within Thy temple when they stand,  
To teach the truth, as taught by Thee,  
Saviour, like stars in Thy right hand  
The angels of the churches be!

*The congregation stands for the Act of Induction:*

The Presiding Minister shall say to the Minister-Elect:

**Tune: Westminster Abbey.**

3 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of Thee to gain,  
What they gain from Thee forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Thy glory  
Evermore with Thee to reign.

4 Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three, and ever One,  
Consubstantial, co-eternal,  
While unending ages run.

*Latin, 7th-8th cent.  
tr. J.M.Neale 1818-1866*

**Tune: Arizona**

3 Wisdom and zeal and faith impart,  
Firmness with meekness from above,  
To bear Thy people on their heart,  
And love the souls whom Thou dost love.

4 To watch and pray, and never faint;  
By day and night strict guard to keep;  
To warn the sinner, cheer the saint,  
Nourish Thy lambs, and feed Thy sheep.

*James Montgomery, 1771 - 1854*

My brother, seeing that we are about to appoint you to this charge, and that you have been called by God to this ministry, we ask you to answer the questions which in the name of Christ and of His Church, we address to you.

Do you believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and do you confess anew Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

Answer: I do.

Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called of God to the pastoral oversight of this church and congregation?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to fulfill your charge with all fidelity, to preach and teach the word of God from the Holy Scriptures, to lead the congregation in worship and administer the Gospel Ordinances, to tend the flock of Christ and to do the work of an evangelist?

Answer: I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

The Presiding Minister shall then say to the Church:

Do you members of this church, acknowledge and receive Alistair Swinford as pastor of this church and congregation, promising him all due honour and support in the Lord?

Answer: We do.

*Induction Prayer:* Rev'd Alvan S. Richards-Clarke, (Crane Street Baptist/U.R.C. Church, Pontypool.)

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)*

The Presiding Minister shall say:  
In the name of Jesus Christ, in the name of this church, and in the name of the Baptist faith and order, we declare you to be duly inducted and appointed pastor of this church and congregation. As a token of this I now give you the Right-Hand-of-Fellowship.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

*The congregation sits.*

Representatives of the church and other appointed persons will now give the Right-Hand-of-Fellowship to the inducted Minister.

Mr. John Pritchard, President of the West Glamorgan Baptist Association.  
Mr. Handel Davies, President of the Bridgend & Maesteg Cwrdd Dosbarth.  
Rev'd Elaine Harris, Priest-in-Charge of All Saints Church-in-Wales, Pen-y-fai.