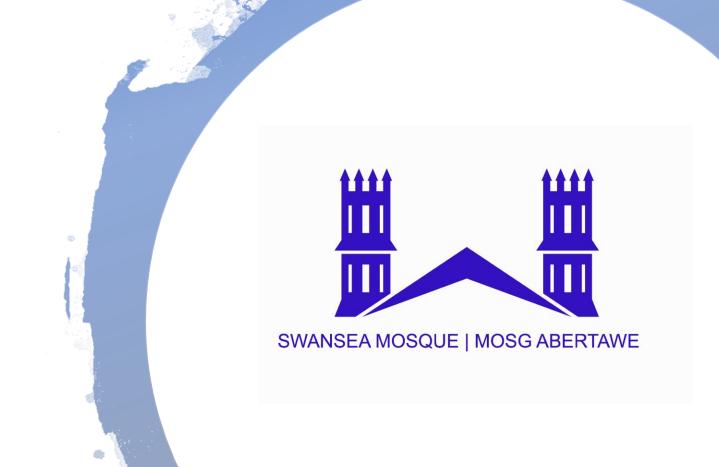
## Swansea Mosque

Serving the community since 1982





#### The Journey

- Established in 1982
- By few Muslim families who settled in Swansea in the 1970s
- Needed a place that is going to meet the social, cultural and religious needs
- Bought no.14 St Helens Rd, then later no. 15
- The premises became a mosque and community centre



#### The Transition

- Over the next two decades the Muslim community started to grow quite significantly
- By the beginning of 2000 started conversation about acquiring a larger premises
- The community identified the current building as a potential place
- They eventually acquired the St Andrews Church in 2004



## Former St Andrews Church

- A magnificent building built in 1860
- Built by Scottish migrants who settle here in the 1800s
- Congregation was Presbyterians in their denomination
- Congregation started to decline and doors were shut around the late 1980
- Derelict for over 10yrs before the Muslim community acquired it



# Development of a New Mosque & Community Centre

- Started Fundraising from 2008
- Raised and invested over £3m by the community
- Completion and moved into new premises Feb 2017
- The new development consists of:
  - Prayer space for Women & Men
  - Modern WC and Ablution areas
  - Seminar / training suite
  - Conference hall / Sport centre
  - Library & Study space
  - Teaching rooms
  - Reception area
  - Office spaces
  - Meeting Room
  - Waiting areas



## Swansea Mosque Services

- 5 Daily prayer for the community
- Friday prayer over 1500 people attending
- Language and cultural classes for children over 300 students
- Adult learning
- Faith based support and advice
- Funeral service
- Sports / health and fitness
- Support for asylum seekers & refugees
- Work with homeless shelters
- Foodbank for the community
- Ramadan Services
- Wedding functions and catering
- School Visits and Tours
- Events, Training & Conferences
- · Charity Fundraising
- And much more