

# The importance of your vote

If this manifesto has come through your door, it means that you are living in an area where we are standing for election. If you agree with our policies, we would ask you to vote for us, even if you normally never vote, or usually vote for someone else.

If you think that Wales should be more proud of its Christian values and that we should show more respect for God in our National Institutions, then you should vote for us. If we do well, it will cause the other political parties to re-think their approach. If we do badly, they will carry on treating the declared beliefs of 2 million Welsh people as an irrelevance and feel even more comfortable in doing so.

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## We only need your second vote

In the Assembly Election you will have 2 votes: the first for your first-past-the-post candidate and the second for the party list.

**We are only standing for the party list and only need your second vote.**

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## The Manifesto of The Christian Peoples Alliance in Wales Assembly Elections 2007

**In the census of 2001, the people of Wales were asked what religion they were. They were told the question was voluntary and the first option they were given to choose was "None". 72% chose to pass over this option and to describe themselves as "Christian".**

**72% of the population of Wales is over 2 million people.**



In the Assembly referendum of 1997, only 25.2% of the electorate voted in favour, (559,419 people), but this was still considered enough to pass the resolution and to form the Assembly.

In the Assembly elections of 2003, only 14.6% of the electorate, (325,586 people), voted for the labour party, but this was still enough to allow labour to control the assembly government and to be in charge of its budget.

In Wales, the labour party has at most 25,000 members and 325,000 "voters" and yet it runs the country. The Church has over 185,000 members and 2 million census "voters" and yet is treated by labour as irrelevant and unimportant.

With this in mind, the question we would like to ask in this election is this:

***"If most of us are Christian in belief, and if this is a democracy, then why shouldn't we be allowed to live in a country which respects and recognises Christianity?" ...***

# Respect for God in the Assembly

In the Houses of Parliament there is a Christian chaplain and every sitting begins with a Bible Reading and Christian prayer.

Prayers in the Scottish Parliament are once a week, but in the Welsh Assembly, there is no recognition of God in any of its practises. This was not decided by a vote of the Assembly Members, but behind the scenes, before the Assembly was ever convened.

We think that this should change. We think that every sitting of the Assembly should begin with Christian prayer, as they do in Westminster. In Wales, we would like these prayers to be said by our young people of faith, invited, individually, from all over Wales, to come and pray for our Nation's leaders, before they start the business of every Assembly day.



*Every Assembly session to start with the Christian prayers of the young people of Wales...*



# Respect for God in Education

At the moment it is the Law that every school in Wales must have a collective act of worship which must be of a broadly Christian character.

We agree with this law, but are concerned that it is only a matter of time before the Assembly government will remove it. Our policy therefore is to retain Christian Assemblies in Schools and for there to be greater encouragement for local churches to be involved in participating in and taking Assemblies.



*Christian Assemblies in our Schools*



# Respect for God in recognising our Heritage

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The annual Assembly budget for Culture, the Welsh Language and Sport is £134 million.

In addition to this, in 2003, £33 million was spent building the National Waterfront Museum in Swansea, to recognise and celebrate our industrial and maritime heritage.

In 2004 they spent £7 million re-developing the Big Pit Mining Museum in Blaenavon to recognise and celebrate our coal mining heritage.

Labour ministers are happy to authorise the spending of tens of millions of pounds of taxpayers money to celebrate our industrial heritage, because the labour party's own roots are in that heritage.

We do not begrudge this, but we do think that the religious heritage of Wales is at least as significant and has a more important role to play in helping to shape Welsh identity today and a better Wales for tomorrow.

We want our children to understand and respect the Christian values of our forefathers: values of peacefulness and of tolerance and respect for all people regardless of age, race, gender, culture and belief; values of trust and commitment to serving others, for the common good, even when it is difficult and painful to do so.

Enough has surely now been done to promote the heritage roots of the labour party - we would now like to see £3 million of the £134 million budget put towards...

*A National Centre to celebrate the Religious Heritage of Wales*



# Let the churches do their work

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All across Wales Christian churches and Christian people are working hard to help the poor and vulnerable. Churches and church groups are often the most active and effective groups reaching out to those in need in any community.

Churches rarely receive the support they need from the Assembly or from local government, because there is an inbuilt prejudice in the system against religious projects, and especially Christian projects.

We need to break this prejudice and to help churches to improve and grow the projects which are working well. We are therefore proposing a Church Social Action fund, which will give match funding to churches undertaking social action work.



*A Church Social Action Fund to help Churches with their good works*



# Help for the Starving World

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The death rate in Africa has not changed much since Live Aid 2005, when we were told that a person dies every three seconds because we have too much money and they have too little.

The Welsh Assembly currently gives £0 of its annual budget of £14 billion to help the starving world. It leaves the job to the proper politicians in London.

We think this should change. If we have £14 billion to spend on our public services in Wales, we can afford to give 0.1% of it to the poor. That's £14 million.

Oxfam tell us that £5 per month, can provide basic essentials like clean water and healthcare to the people who need them most. If this is true, then £14 million a year can be used to permanently lift 233,000 people from starvation poverty.

We know that if we commit money to Africa some of it might go to waste and that we will have slightly less to spend on our public services in Wales. But these people are dying because of lack of basic food or medicine, which we can take for granted in Wales.

We have a Christian duty to help those who are starving and, as we are mostly a Christian country, then our National assembly should spend at least some of its budget to fulfil this duty.

*0.1% of our money, to save  
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poverty*

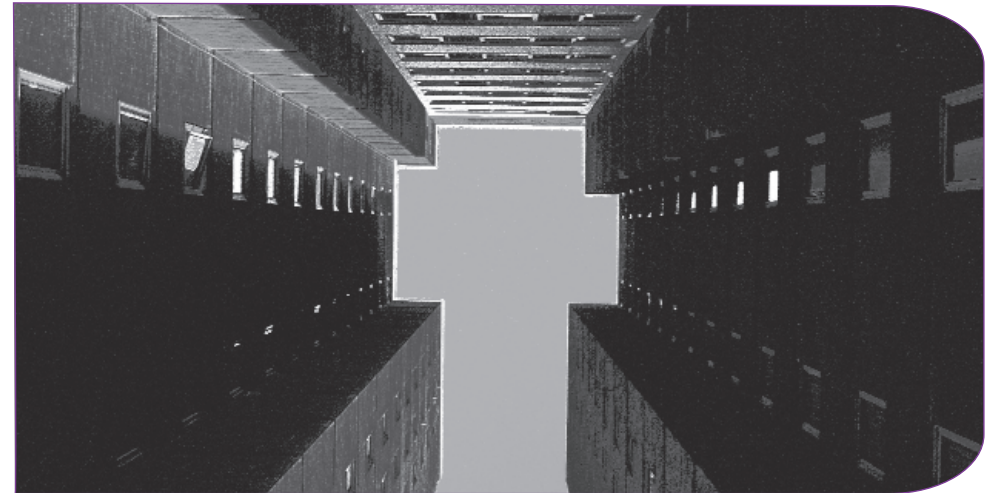


# Our Chances of Success

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The Christian People's Alliance in Wales is a young party and this is the first time we have stood for election. We are not contesting every seat in Wales and therefore there is no realistic prospect of gaining enough seats to form a government.

Instead our target is to gain a small number of seats, so that we can at least have an opportunity to argue for the policies we have outlined above. If there is a coalition government, we would be prepared to work with any of the other major parties, and would support their programme on Health and Education in return for their support for some, or all, of our proposals.



*With your second vote in the  
Assembly election, please vote  
for The Christian People's  
Alliance . . .*

