

# **Criccieth Family Church**

## **Press Statement**

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### **Ben Thomas**

Today, 17<sup>th</sup> July, our former pastor Ben Thomas was convicted of serious sexual offences. His arrest last September came as a complete shock to the church, the community in Criccieth and beyond.

Ben's resignation was offered and accepted immediately after his arrest but as a church we had little information.

The church has been thankful for the concern and understanding we have been shown by our neighbours in Criccieth, who themselves are struggling with their own understandable sense of grief, confusion or even anger at the crimes.

Foremost in our prayers now are the victims and their families. We are also seeking to support the wider church family and partners as we all come to terms with this news.

We will release further responses as more information becomes available. Media enquiries can be made to 07395 930445.