

Church Family News and Prayers

When I was a teacher, I'd get volunteered to do assembly. I enjoyed. I'd do poems and jokes and wacky stories about great disasters – my attempt to be all-singing, all-dancing and totally up-to-date. Not a success to be honest. I'd ask some pupils what they thought of my assemblies. "Not bad, sir," they'd say, "better than Mister Jones." Not a major vote of confidence as Mister Jones was the deputy head who had been in the school for the last century. I was trying too hard. Eventually I realised that you have to be yourself and see what happens. Even then, it was a bit of a surprise to discover which assembly created most reaction.

The Tate Gallery in Liverpool had run an exhibition on images of heaven: everything from small fluffy clouds to giant celestial shopping malls. So I wondered with them what heaven might be really like. Surely, it must be the place of new beginnings which stay that way and don't go pear-shaped after the first two weeks. And heaven's the place where all those hopes that got lost are found again. It's where your friends remain your friends, where you don't fall out over a careless word or a failure to phone. Heaven, I dared to imagine, is the place where what could be actually happens and we never have to live any longer with the thought of what might have been.

That was the assembly they talked about, arguing over whether there was such a place and, if so, what was it actually like. I was stunned: talking about heaven, I'd become some earthly use at last!

Dave K

Yvonne Hibbert wishes to thank Rev Philip Buckland, Helen Osborne and the Church Family and friends for their support and prayers during her recent illness

We continue to pray for those members of our Church Family and Friends who are unwell and all those who mourn.

If you would like to be included in the prayer list, please write your name in the book in the foyer of the church.

**Please pray for our CEEMP Prayer Partners:
All Saints Cyncoed**

**Prayer in Your Street for May:
Llandennis Avenue**



CYNCOED METHODIST CHURCH

**A warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today
Please stay for coffee or tea in the church after the service.**

Sunday 21st May 2017 - Aldersgate Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

Steward: Jan Grant

10.30am Helen Osborne

**6.00pm Jarel Robinson-Brown
Cluster Service at Cyncoed**

Readings:

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

At Cyncoed Methodist Church

we are called to tell God's story by living as God's people through:

- Preaching and teaching the gospel
- Encouraging spiritual growth
- Outreach in the community
- Responding to opportunities for change

all inspired by God centred worship and prayer.

A family room is available, if needed, for the use of parents with babies and toddlers, allowing parents to share in worship while the little ones enjoy the toys provided. Please ask one of the stewards for more information.

Please ensure that your mobile is on 'silent' during the service

The ministerial team:

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Sunday 28th May 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Steward: John Tredget

10.30am George Craig

**6.00pm Rev Philip Buckland
Cluster Service at St Andrews**

Readings:

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Wanted - Ladies who 'Knit'

We are planning to erect our cross outside the Church in the run up to Remembrance Sunday in November and cover it with knitted poppies.

We feel it would provide valuable support for the British Poppy Appeal and at the same time make an impact for our Church to people passing by.

We can provide the wool and pattern. All we need are knitters (male or female) to knit as many poppies as you can handle (min 5). If you would like to help please see Barbara or Allen Jones in Church or phone them on 2048 4167 and they can let you have the wool and a pattern.

GIVE IT A GO!

If you are new to this church or if you have any particular concerns and would like to talk to someone please give your name and contact details to one of the ministers or stewards.

Notices

- **Minutes** from the recent General Church meeting are now available if you wish to read them. A copy is in the green file in the Church office (cabinet opposite the door).
- **Plant Sale:** Sunday May 21st 2-4pm in aid of Alzheimer's Society at 38 Manor Rise Whitchurch CF14 1QJ. All welcome - tea and cakes as well as plants!
- **Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir:**
An Evening of Musical Entertainment
Wednesday 24th May at 7:30pm at All Saints' Church Cyncoed Rd. Admission £5 (pay at the door) - in aid of named Dementia and Autism charities.
- **TWAM Collection (Tools With A Mission):** Following the talk at Men's Breakfast in March we are having a collection point at our Church for a while for this great charity. Check out your house, shed or garage for any unwanted hand tools, and anything that might be of use. Please pick up a leaflet to see what is needed.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017

14th to 20th May

Thank you to the 16 Collectors who have had some mixed weather to contend with, to those who helped with delivering, and to those who have given generously.

If you have not yet got round to giving a Donation there are envelopes available to do so. The need is as great as ever.

Christian Aid is helping some of world's poorest communities including the 65 million refugees in the world today.

Please Note

Counting the money is on Wednesday 31st May at 9:00am

Please help with this.

Please leave items for the church notices in the Church Office or contact Janet Grant Tel: 029 2054 1993 or email to cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com before 5.00pm on Wednesday.