

Church Family News and Prayers

Everyone has got their own ways of winding down at the end of the day. My first girlfriend's dad never went to bed without a slice of JS Bach with his cocoa. In my case, it's often a crossword. Alison thinks I'm mad: how can that be relaxing? I suppose it is a bit odd but the great thing about crosswords is that they can be solved. Once you've unravelled a few clues, the rest starts dropping into place. Crossword puzzles offer a simple kind of certainty that the rest of the world rarely provides.

It's comforting to have a bit of the universe that is simple and controllable. We need that bit of escape; we'd collapse in a heap if we didn't have any breathing spaces. But for most of our lives we have to live in a world that is constantly changing. The pace of that change is our own fault: we've become a nation obsessed with squeezing each tiny efficiency from life. But, at the same time, it's worth remembering that God has built change into the very way creation works. Much is predictable but there are always surprises. Whether we see them as good or bad will often depend on how we approach them.

Like many people, I'd quite like to live in a safe world where everything was as predictable and safe as my crossword puzzles. But, if I'm to enjoy my life on this earth, I know that God requires me to embrace change with good faith and a good heart. After all, every new morning could be seen as an interesting puzzle in itself.

Dave K

We continue to pray for those members of our Church Family and Friends who are unwell and all those who mourn, especially the family of Doreen Naylor.

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:
St Edeyrn's, Llanedeyrn**

Prayer in Your Street for October : Carnegie Drive



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 15th October 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: John Tredget

10.30am Barbara Ward

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

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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 22nd October 2017

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Peter Evans

10.30am Rev Philip Buckland

**6.00pm Rev Jarel Robinson-Brown
Cluster Service at St Andrews**

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 2:15-22

Worship at Ty Enfys

Following a recent enquiry from one of our church members who now lives at Ty Enfys I have made an offer to lead a short act of worship there. The first is scheduled for Monday 16th October at 2.30pm, with the hope that this may be a regular event on the third Monday each month.

In order to enable and enhance this it would be lovely if a group of us could attend to lead the singing and join in worship. If anyone feels they would like to join me please do contact me.

With thanks

Helen Osborne

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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

- **Llanishen Bible Study/House Group** will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th October at 6 South Rise, Llanishen to study Isaiah Chapters 3 & 4. All are welcome.
- **Cardiff Methodist Community Choir:** Another (much recommended) presentation of **SHOUT** at Pontprennau Community Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st October. (It covers issues affecting the foundations of Society – parental guidance advised.)
- **Singles Lunch:** There will be Singles Lunch after morning worship on Sunday 22nd October. Please sign the list in the Foyer.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** The boxes will be presented in Church on 5th November during the 10.30am Service. Leaflets are available in the Foyer. If anyone would prefer to make a donation then please make cheques payable to "Samaritans Purse". Any queries please contact Glenna Parry.
- **Cardiff Foodbank:** In urgent need of UHT milk, fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes and vegetables. Can you help?
- **Thanks:** We would like to thank all our good friends at Cyncoed for the wonderful flowers, cards and good wishes we received over our Diamond Anniversary. We had a fantastic few days celebration which ended most appropriately in the Sunday Service on 10th September. Our special thanks to Philip for organising the service and to all of you for making this day so very special for both of us. **Barbara & Allen Jones**

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.