

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **To be born**

*"The word became flesh", the good book says. Or "the word became a human being" as the modern translators have it. Either way: God amongst men, God as man ... in a world like ours, foolish and risky. On this planet, in any age, and act on awesome faith to be born, if there is no need.*

*But there was need: all the lies and the hurts and the greed of century after century laid like grime on a once shining earth. A grey world, a tired world, one in need of a clean heart and a new start.*

*All the same.... to be born, to take the risk of helplessness and to grow amongst men with only one certainty: the assurance that to live for people meant to suffer for people, perhaps to die for them. Strange to think of turning a corner and bumping into someone with that on their mind. But then we wouldn't ask a stranger what was on his mind, would we? Anymore than we would spend our nights scanning the skies for a change in the stars.*

**Dave Kitchen**

***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:  
St Edeyrn's, Llanedeyrn**

**Prayer in Your Street for December – Duffryn 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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Steward: John Tredget**

**10.30am Rev. Philip Buckland - Nativity**

**6.00pm Lessons and Carols at Cyncoed**

*Reading ;Isaiah 61:1-04; Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat (Luke1:46b-55); 1Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28.*

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Steward: Peter Evans

10.30am Dave Kitchen

11.15pm Rev. Dr. Stephen Wigley  
Midnight Communion

*Reading ; 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55)  
or Psalm 89: 1-4,19-26; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-27*

### Events

**CHURCHES TOGETHER SHOP.** The Christmas Service will be held at 11.00am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, followed by refreshments at the shop. All are welcome.

**CIRCUIT CAROL SINGING.** 11.30am – 12.30pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December on the steps of St David's Hall

**CAROLS ROUND THE TREE.** Celebrate Christmas with an evening of carols. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE.** Join us to welcome in Christmas day and the birth of Christ. Christmas Eve. 11.15pm.

**FAMILY WORSHIP.** Christmas Day 10.30am.

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

- **Soup Run Christmas Presents.** This year we would like to give out new Boxer Shorts (Medium Size) and bars of chocolate (no nuts). See Margaret Ashford. Tel 029 20634923
- **Cardiff Foodbank:** In urgent need of UHT milk, fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes and vegetables. Can you help?
- **Midweek Communion:** there will be no Thursday communion until January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jesus was a Refugee. Can we give help in his name? BABY BOX ITEMS NEEDED.** As in the notices last week, could you donate baby grows, vests, mittens, bibs, coats cardigans, Moses basket sheets, and small blankets. Anything for newborns. Also, items for mum, shower gel, shampoo, skin lotion etc, If you can help, please phone Chris on 02920736725. Many thanks.
- **Ty Enfys.** This Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm is our next visit to lead worship at Ty Enfys. If you are free and able to join us please let Helen know or just come along.

**URGENT\_\_Maz Grierson** is stepping down from her role in the Tuesday Toddlers Group at the end of December, so a replacement is needed. If anyone would like more details, or could consider this vital role in outreach, please speak to Maz or Helen.

Please leave items for the church notices in the Church Office (for Mike Berry) or email to [cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com) before 5.00pm on Wednesday.