

## Church Family News and Prayers

Prices go up, rain comes down and most of us are back in the old routine wondering what the future holds and whether we'll be able to afford it. In the midst of this, Alison said, "I'm going to see if I can have an attitude of gratitude in 2018." Think I might find that to be a tall order!

So I asked my friend Allan about *his* plans for the year last week and, after he'd told me he was giving up smoking – a silly idea as he never started – he admitted that he'd like to finish writing a manual on how to build a Welsh Harp. I nearly said, "Didn't you do that twenty years ago?" but stopped myself. He did actually start back then but, as he was working 18 hour days, it was never going to get finished. Retirement, which is of course never really retirement, means Allan has a chance to finish what he started so long ago.

Saint Paul would have approved of that. When he wrote to the church in Philippi, he talked about keeping your eyes focused on the finish line like a runner does. He was not urging people to work harder or do more but to concentrate simply on what they really should be doing. Which is why my plan for this year is to do less ... but to do it better: to finish what I've started rather than to start what I'll never finish.

I hope Allan gets the harp manual completed because he's probably the one person in Wales with the necessary knowledge and experience. And perhaps that's true for all of us – there are things that only we can do – the trick is to spot them and do them well!

**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 January – Rannoch 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Steward: John Tredget**

**10.30am Rev. Philip Buckland – Covenant Service**

**3.00pm Messy Church**

**6.00pm Rev. Philip Buckland @ St. Andrews**

*Readings; 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;  
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51*

#### ***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 21st January 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Steward: Peter Evans**

**10.30am Helen Osborne**

*Readings; Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31;  
Mark 1: 14-20*

### **Events**

- **Neverland a Peter Pan Pantomime**

At Christchurch United Church, Llanedeyrn Drive on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm and on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Tickets available from Ruth Dickinson tel. 029 20736610 or email [juniorchurch@christchurchunitedcardiff.org.uk](mailto:juniorchurch@christchurchunitedcardiff.org.uk)  
Ticket Prices: Adults £7 Children £3.

**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**

- **Ty Enfys:** Next visit will be on Monday January 15th at 2.30pm.

### **Thanks**

- Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your many good wishes and prayers toward my recovery. It has meant a lot to me.  
**Betty Hoey**
- Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your many good wishes and prayers towards my recovery while I was away and at home.  
**Keith Norton**

### **TODDLERS**

**Maz Grierson** has stepped down from her role in the Tuesday Toddlers Group and was very moved by the gift presented during the Nativity service – please see Thank You card at the back of the church  
**Urgent:** there is now an important role to be filled. We are therefore looking for a team of volunteers to fill this role on a rota basis. If anyone would like more details, or is willing to help in this vital role please speak to 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.**