

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **Mothering Sunday/Mothers' Day**

Mothers get their special day the world over ... thanks to greeting card manufacturers! But, more often than not it's later in the year than today. Mothering Sunday in Britain occurs in the middle of Lent because it was the day when young apprentices and servants went back to see their mums for the first time since Christmas.

Traditionally they took a Simnel Cake – that was fine because the forty days of fasting in Lent have never included the Sundays. Our ancestors kept a good balance between self-denial and celebration.

But there's also a sadness in celebrating motherhood in the weeks before Easter. For Mary, mother of Jesus, this is the time when she sees where her son is headed and fears quite rightly for his life.

Surely she must have asked the question: what's making him do this? There must be another way. But, of course, sometimes there isn't.

The lovely part of being a mum is when a son or daughter runs up to you with hugs and kisses ... and, even sometimes, cake! The harder part is when you have to let go and are asking why. In Lent, we remember both parts of the picture.

***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**



### **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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday**

**Steward: Alison Harrison**

**10.30am Rev. Philip Buckland – Communion**

**3.00pm Messy Church**

**6.00pm Rev. Cathy Gale @ St Andrews**

*Readings; Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22;  
Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21 or for Mothering Sunday  
Exodus 2: 1-10 or Samuel 1: 20-28; Psalm 34: 11-20 or  
Psalm 127: 1-4; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 or Colossians 3: 12-17;  
Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19: 25-27*

### ***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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Steward: John Tredget**

**10.30am Anthony Thomas**

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

*Readings; Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12 or Psalm 119: 9-16;  
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33.*

### Job Vacancy

The Trinity Centre are looking for a Part Time Administrator to work in their offices. The role will be for 20 hours per week, mainly during the day. The main focus of the role is to manage the function of the office and its relevant sections for the smooth running of the Centre, managing room bookings and agreements and developing relationships with existing and new users groups to ensure all have a positive experience of The Trinity Centre. The post is initially funded for 1 year with a salary of £13,720 per annum. If you are interested please visit [cardiffmethodist.org.uk](http://cardiffmethodist.org.uk) and click on the post 'Trinity Centre Job Vacancy' for further information and how to apply.

**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

- **Lent Study Group**  
The Lent Study Group continues on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am and then on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Marian Thomas**  
Marian would like to express her sincere appreciation and gratitude to the church family for their loving concern and support following her recent knee operation.
- **Ty Enfys**  
Next meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30.
- **Church retreat to Caldey Island.**  
This year our church retreat is for 4 nights. Thursday 14th June until Monday 18th June. The cost is £40 per night. Ms Angela Simon will be leading us. If you think you would like to join us on the beautiful island of Caldey please contact me on 02920 551953 or e mail at [alisonvalerie@sky.com](mailto:alisonvalerie@sky.com) by Monday 12th March and I can give you any information you would like to know. Alison Hill (Ely Methodist Church).
- **Soup Run**  
If you are able to make a loaf of sandwiches (on a monthly basis) please speak to Margaret Ashford.
- **Not Only Love - words and music for Easter**  
March 25 – 6.00pm – Wesley, Canton  
On Palm Sunday, we gather together for **Not only love**, an Easter Celebration with the District Choir led by John Wickett. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a wonderful start to Holy Week and Easter itself.
- **Girls Get Together**  
at Alison Kitchen's 67 BlackOak Rd, Cyncoed CF23 6QU on **Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30-7.45pm.**  
Soup, laughter and friendship as we explore: **Gadgets - Can't live without it or I don't know why I bought it!** Bring something that you bought that was supposed to revolutionise your life, but is now consigned to the back of the cupboard. If the title looks familiar, that's because this is a rescheduled evening. Come if you can. All Welcome. More information from Alison Kitchen 2075 5504.

**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.**