

Church Family News and Prayers

The hardest part

Joseph of Arimathea remembers the end of Good Friday

As we walked up Skull Hill towards the bodies hanging there, I felt frozen. It wasn't the wind. I'm used to that. No, this was the cold you feel when you're afraid of what you're going to see.

It had taken every ounce of what little courage I'd ever had to ask Pilate for permission to bury Christ's body. But then I had to look at what the soldiers had done. They're efficient, the Romans, you have to give them that. Every ounce of life had been drained or beaten out of him. His skin look so pale, almost translucent in some places: ghostly. Then the blood: so much of it, dark and congealed, staining the whiteness of his skin.

Part of me didn't want to touch the body at all. Another part of me wanted to wrap him in my arms, say sorry and make him come back to life with my hugs. But he had been the miracle worker, not me.

We took him carefully from the cross, making sure that those terrible wounds where the nails had been driven in were not made even worse. As we trudged down the hill with his body, I remember thinking to myself: "What have we done to you, Jesus? How did we let it get this far out of control?"

(from Not only love – words and music for Easter by Dave Kitchen and John Wickett – 25 March, Wesley Methodist, Canton @ 6.00pm. Next Sunday.)

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 18th 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.*

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

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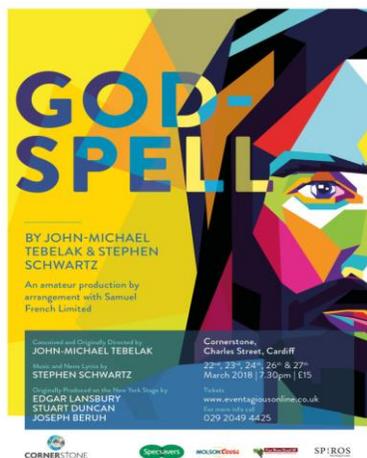
Sunday 25th March 2018 Palm Sunday

Steward: Peter Evans

10.30am Rev. Philip Buckland

6.00pm Circuit Service @ Wesley, Canton

Readings; Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-16; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47 or Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)



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 concludes on Monday 19th March at 10.00am.
- **Ty Enfys**
Next meeting will be on Monday 19th March at 2.30pm.
- **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.
- **Easter Sunday**
Hot Cross Buns and coffee/tea will be available at 9.30am before the 10.30am service, please sign the form in the vestibule, if you will be there, so that we have an idea of numbers attending.
- **Thank You**
Thank you to all those who have offered to be door stewards.
- **Clickers Required**
If anyone can help with “clicking” the PowerPoint during the Sunday morning services, please speak to Sue Tester.
No experience necessary, training provided!
- **The musical Godspell**
is coming to Cornerstone, telling a number of Gospel tales through the songs and games of a group of eccentric characters.
Running from 22nd - 24th March and 26th - 27th March, 7.30pm at Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff. Tickets £15.
www.eventajononline.co.uk 029 2049 4425

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