

Church Family News and Prayers

I'm not a fan of motorways but when I get back on them after an hour on unmarked country lanes, I'm always grateful for their width and clear signs. Although, you can get more signs that you could sensibly want. *Accident Ahead* is important but *Don't Drive Aggressively* feels like someone has space to fill and *Be Courteous to Others* simply sounds like my mother. It's no bad thing, of course, to be courteous, but, whenever I've held positions of power, people have shown me enormous courtesy. The trouble is that the most polite are often the ones you can't trust. Give me the grumpy crew who let you know how they feel. I know where I am. If they stab me anywhere, it'll be in the front and not in the back.

Jesus told a story of two sons who were supposed to be working in the vineyard. One was really well-mannered and always said "Yes, dad" but he never did what he was supposed to. The other one moaned and groaned but eventually did what his father had asked. It didn't take Christ's listeners long to decide which son they'd prefer to have: the grumpy one who eventually got on with the job.

It's how we truly are rather than what we say that matters. In fact, Jesus was forever warning his listeners about superficially polite and moral people. "Love one another" he told his followers and he meant that love to be shown in how they actually treated each other day after day.

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 David's/All Saints Llanedeyrn**

Prayer in Your Street for November: Llyswen Rd. & Henllys Rd.



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 25th November 2018

Sunday before Advent

Steward: John Tredget

10.30am Vera Ruddock / Rev. Nick Oborski

6.00pm Rev. Cathy Gale @ Cyncoed

Readings: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1: 4b-8;
John 18: 33-37

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.
Follow us on Facebook.**

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Sunday 2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Steward: Peter Evans

9.15am Rev Nick Oborski - Communion

10.30am Dave Kitchen

6.00pm Taize Service @ Beulah URC

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13;
Luke 21: 25-36

Informal mid-week Communion

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room

An Oasis of peace in a busy week

Advent Prayer Sessions

There will be weekly prayer sessions during Advent on Saturday mornings at 10.00am. These will rotate among the 4 East Cluster Churches as follows:

1st December- Cathays

8th December - Rumney

15th December- Cyncoed

22nd December - St. Andrew's

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

- **The Trinity Centre:** The Trinity Centre will be holding a Christmas Market on Saturday 1st December from 11am – 3pm. There will be Christmas gifts on sale, crafts to buy and make, food and refreshments and a raffle. Free entry.
- **CHOIR:** Enjoy singing? Do join us on Thursdays at 8pm as we prepare for Christmas - in particular the Lessons and Carols service on 16th December at 6pm. A warm welcome awaits! We meet in the Fellowship Room or Church. Thank you in advance! Carol 20757134
- **Scout Stamps:** are available from Sue Tester, 30p each. Last posting day is 3rd December there will be a "post box" by the Church Office.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal. 40 boxes were collected and £125 received in donations.
- **Llanishen Methodist Church** will be holding a Blue Christmas Service on Saturday 15th December at 6.30pm. This will be a reflective service of remembrance for those who have lost loved ones recently and those who struggle at this time of year. All are Welcome. Please contact Rev. Alana Lawrence for further details 029 2086 6684.
- **Conway Road Methodist Church's Lutheran Congregation** are holding their Annual Advent Concert at CRMC on Sunday 2nd December at 3.00pm. There will be singers from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama as well as congregational singing and readings. Admission is £5 which includes light refreshments afterwards. All are welcome
- **Christmas Story on the Hayes:** The Christmas Story Team are looking for volunteers to be a **Steward** either a morning session or afternoon session from **December 1st-22nd**. Also they are looking for people to play the part of a **Nazarene** in the play. There are no rehearsals to attend for this, you would just need to turn up and you will be given the necessary costume and training! Please e-mail **Matthew Dixon** on Matthewdixon@waitrose.com or have a chat with Alison Kitchen

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.