

Church Family News and Prayers

The sword of innocence: Mary speaks

*These are the things I didn't know about when it happened.
I didn't know what it was like to be married because I wasn't.
I didn't know the difference it made if you married a man whose family didn't come from your own village.
I had never experienced what it was like to be the centre of attention as people told all sorts of stories about you, none of which were true.*

If I had known, I might not have said yes quite so blithely. In fact, I might not have said yes at all. Innocence is a two-edged sword: it blesses you and exposes you in the same sweep of time. When you're young, it's often easier to have faith because you don't think about where it's leading.

If I'd have weighed things up carefully and rationally, I'd have probably said no to God. But I didn't. And, at the end if it all, in spite of the sorrows, I'm glad I said yes.

(from **Small comforts, great joy**, coming December 2019)

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 December: Bryn-Gwyn Rd. Duffryn Rd.
& Alltmawr 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 16th December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Steward: John Tredget

10.30am Helen Osborne – Nativity Service

6.00pm Rev. Kofi Amissah – Lessons & Carols

Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2-6;
Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

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 23rd December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Steward: Peter Evans

10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah

Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a; Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55) or
Psalm 80: 1-7; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

Informal mid-week Communion

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room

An Oasis of peace in a busy week

Advent Prayer Sessions

There are weekly prayer sessions during Advent on Saturday mornings at 10.00am. These 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



- **Ty Enfys:** Next meeting will be on the 17th December at 2.45pm.
- **There are more answers than questions!**
Thanks to all who supported the church's effort with the Tearfund Big Quiz Night. The event has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds nationally and we've certainly done our bit - the cheque sent last week was for **£505.10p!** Over £200 of that was Gift-Aided which adds nicely to the pot. It was good to be joined by teams from Pontprennau and Llanishen on this occasion as well as other friends. We've just received a thank-you video from Tearfund for all our work this year which includes the heartwarming fact that we've been part of helping to raise 3 million people out of extreme poverty. If you'd like to watch the video, this is the link: https://vimeo.com/album/5358464/video/305059286?utm_source=Church+Marketing&utm_campaign=bd5c399314-BIG_QUIZ_CHURCHES_FOLLOWUP_182629&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_99aa1a21e6-bd5c399314-30874053. If you're not able to hyperlink this from the electronic version of the notices (or indeed have no idea what those words mean!) it's still a big hug and thank you from our friends at Tearfund!
- **Christmas Services at Cyncoed:**
Wednesday 19th Dec. 6.30pm - Carols Round the Tree
Friday 21st Dec. 5.30pm – Christingle
Sunday 23rd Dec. 10.30am – Morning Worship
Christmas Eve. Communion 11.15pm – Rev. Kofi Amissah
Christmas Day Morning Worship 10.30am – David Kitchen
- **Morel Court:** The Christmas Fayre at Morel Court raised just over £1000. Many thanks for your support.
- **CEEMP North Cluster:** The next meeting will be at Christchurch , Llanedeyrn at 7.30pm on 30th January 2019.

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.