

## Church Family News and Prayers

### The gift

When my father was “really old” – his phrase, not mine – Christmas was a time of only small comfort to him. He remembered being young enough to drag a seven foot fir tree home on the 109 bus in order to surprise us all. But that was 60 years back.

By the time he was 88, he lived alone and found joy in relatively few places. The love of his life was gone, his own children were retired themselves and it was hard to see the point of living any longer on this planet. But there was one thing about Christmas that still made it special. His name was George. Not a son or even a grandson. No, George was the very first great grandchild.

‘A new life,’ he would mutter, ‘a new generation!’

He couldn’t quite believe he had lived to see it. And they were best pals. My dad’s Christmas wasn’t lit by candles or stars in the sky but by a little boy who held his hand and called him “grangran” which was the nearest he could get to great grandad. Presents meant nothing; a new life, everything.

*(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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### ***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.**

## The Ministerial Team:

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## Sunday 30th December 2018

### First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale @ Rumney

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3: 12-17;  
Luke 2: 41-52

## Informal mid-week Communion

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room

*An Oasis of peace in a busy week*

## Christmas Day Service

It would be good if people could bring a present to open in the service - not one that's already opened but one that will be a surprise - hopefully a nice surprise! Thanks.

It will be a service suitable for the whole family, it will include well known carols and it will not be too long!



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



- **Christmas Services at Cyncoed:**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm - Carols Round the Tree  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 5.30pm – Christingle  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10.30am – Morning Worship  
Christmas Eve. Communion 11.15pm – Rev. Kofi Amissah  
Christmas Day Morning Worship 10.30am – David Kitchen
- **Christmas Collections:**  
Carol Service: Tearfund Wales Ethiopia Project  
Christmas Eve: Methodist Homes  
Christmas Day: Action for Children  
Christmas Card collection: Tiny Lives Appeal – Neonatal Unit – UHW  
If you wish to support any of these appeals and are unable to attend the particular service, then please place your contribution in a clearly marked envelope in the collection at any service over the Christmas season.
- **Community Carol Concert:** Christmas Eve. Midday at the Maelfa shopping centre.
- **Audrey Bagnall:** Is comfortable in St David's Hospital.
- **Judy Lister:** It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Judy Lister who died this week. Funeral details to follow.
- **CEEMP North Cluster:** The next meeting will be at Christchurch , Llanedeyrn at 7.30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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.