

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **Joseph's story from Small Comforts, Great Joy**

When we moved from town to town – and we had to do that when I was younger – the first question people usually asked was: “What do you do?” Well, in short, I’m a tradesman. I build roofs ... walls as well when needed. More often than not, though, I seem to be mending what someone else hasn’t built to last. That’s the way it goes I’m afraid. I put up out-buildings too; I make stools, benches, tables, even animal feeding troughs. If it involves wood, I can knock it up for you. Nothing fancy, mind – I leave that to the woodcarvers of the great cities. No, I’m the odd job man that every little town needs and I’m grateful that I can do it. This way, I’ve always picked up work.

Life, when I was young, had been straightforward. I’d never expected it to become complicated. Then my bride-to-be came to me with a story about carrying God’s child. It was like the universe had crashed. I’m not going to repeat to you what I thought when she said that. I’m a bit ashamed of it now. But I’m a carpenter, a builder, someone who doesn’t deal in visions and angels. I started to make arrangements for her that wouldn’t include me.

Then it happened. I thought only highly-strung or very intellectual people had dreams. I can’t remember being bothered by one before. But the dream I had felt vivid and real, telling me to take Mary as my wife. Everyone talks these days about the miracle of the birth of our child. But the bigger miracle from where I sit is that I had the dream, believed it, then followed it. Not bad for a mere carpenter!

*For all of the music, story and worship in **Small comforts, Great joy**, join Dave Kitchen, John Wickett and the whole circuit here next Sunday at 6.00pm. You won't be disappointed*

***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: Duffryn Avenue**



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
First Sunday of Advent**

**Steward: Peter Evans**

**9.15am Rev. Nick Oborski - Communion**

**10.30am Munawar Amaf**

**6.00pm Rev. Alexis Mahoney at St. Andrew's**

**Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24:36-44**

### ***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 8th December 2019**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Steward: Alison Harrison**

**10.30am George Craig**

**3.00pm Messy Church**

**6.00pm Circuit Service @ Cyncoed**

*Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13;  
Matthew 3:1-12*

### Informal mid-week Communion

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room

*An Oasis of peace in a busy week*

### Church Flowers

Thanks to all who have donated in memory of loved ones, for a special occasion or other reason over the past year.

If you would like to donate in the coming year a new rota is being prepared and a calendar has been placed in the Flowers Donation folder in the vestibule for you to select and mark the date of your donation.

Also, there is a space each week to write the name of anyone who may appreciate receiving flowers and/or a visit from our wonderful pastoral team who distribute the beautiful flowers after services.

**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

- **House Group:** the next meeting will be at Helen & Clive Smith's, on Monday 2nd December at 7:30pm.
- **CHURCH CHOIR** - Are you able to join us as we prepare for the Lessons and Carols service on 22nd December (6pm)? We would appreciate your help. A warm welcome awaits at our rehearsals on Thursdays at 8pm. Have a word with Carol - 20757134.
- **Small Comforts, Great Joy:** Join us as a Circuit for a proper celebration of Christmas with heartfelt worship, thoughtfulness and real joy. Sunday 8th December, 6pm at Cyncoed Methodist Church. Dave Kitchen and John Wickett will be bringing the District Choir with a great range of music and words. Please take one of the flyers in the pews and invite a friend or family member so we can light up a chilly winter's night together.
- **Conway Road Methodist Church:** would like to invite all to join them at the Lutheran Congregation's Advent Concert on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. There will be singers from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and admission is £5.
- **Cardiff Foodbank:** the Foodbank is short of the following items: coffee, tinned potatoes and UHT milk. If you are able to donate any of these items the Foodbank will be grateful.
- **SINGLES LUNCH:** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, providing enough want and are able to come, remembering that it is also the Circuit Choir event at 6.00pm at Cyncoed. Sorry it's a late decision but it's the only way we can fit it in before Christmas.
- **Soup-Run:** Waitrose (Pontprennau) is kindly supporting us through its token scheme in December. If you are shopping in Waitrose please consider supporting the Soup Run. Thank you.
- **Morel Court (MHA):** Christmas Fair at Morel Court, Raisdale Rd. Penarth on Saturday 7th December 2-4pm. All welcome.
- **Christmas Services - Circuit Plan Amendment:** please note that the time advertised, in the centre of the Circuit Plan, for the One Voice Choir Concert at Ely Methodist on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December is incorrect, it should be 7pm **not** 6pm.

**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.**