

Church Family News and Prayers

Until his very last years, I was often a bit of a disappointment to my dad. When I was in a nativity play as second shepherd, I managed to break the crook he made for me over the head of the third shepherd in a disagreement about where we were supposed to stand.

As I grew older, it didn't get much better. He was a scientist; I wrote poetry. He had one set of political views; I had another. We rubbed along because that's what families do. But we weren't natural buddies.

55 years after the nativity play, about the time his great grandson was born, dad and I were sitting together in his flat talking about life in general and he said: "It hasn't worked out so badly overall has it?"

"In what way?" I asked

"Well, you and your brother. It's been all right, hasn't it?"

It was the best thing he ever said to me because he was admitting that he really hadn't understood much along the road but was pleased with both of us ... perhaps, even proud. It had, after all, worked out.

I often wonder what Joseph thought of his family, what Mary's life was like as Jesus grew up, how Elizabeth and Zechariah coped with their young radical son. I like to think that, when all was said and done, they were sometimes able to say: "Well, it worked out, after all. Thank God."

Then I imagine God smiling and whispering: "That's not just my work you know, it's because you said yes."

Dave Kitchen

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 22nd December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Steward: Peter Evans

10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah - Communion

6.00pm Rev. Robin Wood – Lessons and Carols

**Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16; psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1: 1-7;
Matthew 1: 18-25.**

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 29th December 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

Service at Christchurch Fairwater

10.30am Rev. Nick Oborski and Rev. Judith Holliman

Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23

Sunday 5th January 2020

Second Sunday of Christmas

Steward: Alison Harrison

9.15am Rev. Kofi Amissah – Communion

10.30am Rev. Delyth Liddell

6.00pm Rev. Kofi Amissah @ St. Andrew's

*Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-14; psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1:3-15;
John 1: (1-9) 10-18*

Advent and Christmas Services

Friday 20th December, 5.30pm, Christingle

Sunday 22nd December, 6.00pm, Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve. 11.15pm, Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, 10.30am, Christmas Service

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



- **Janet Farnsworth:** it is with great sadness that we announce the death of Janet Farnsworth who died at home on Friday 13th December. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held here, at Cyncoed, on Friday 10th January.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Comfort AND Joy!:** A big thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who came to **Small Comforts, Great Joy** on Sunday night. There were about 225 of us there. Wonderful. £535 was raised for the Trinity Project, a much-needed Christmas gift. Thanks for your generosity. The event needed the hard work of about 70 people. Many of those were visible but Dave says a special big hug to those you can't see but keep the wheels on the bus. Bless you!
- **Church Christmas Cards:** listing Christmas Services at Cyncoed Methodist Church and All Saints Church are available in the vestibule, please take one to pass on to a friend or neighbour.
- **The MHA fair at Morel Court:** raised £1000. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

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.