

Church Family News and Prayers

400 and ... *Peter speaks*

It was never difficult to love Jesus and I didn't find it so hard to follow him either. But it was what he said that puzzled and bothered me. Fishermen don't get a lot of training in ideas.

Take forgiveness. Now he said it was unavoidable: *If God forgives you then you must be willing to forgive others, whoever they may be.* That stuck in my throat. I thought of those I'd worked with who were just out to make trouble and I thought of what I'd like to do to them if they ever crossed me on a dark night.

For all of his gentleness, Jesus wasn't the sort of person I found it easy to disagree with but I felt I had to say something. So I asked him a question: *How many times should I forgive someone, Lord? Seven?* Honestly, I thought I'd been pretty generous – once is stretching it a bit on some people.

Seventy times seven, he replied. Now that felt like I'd been hit bang in the middle of my stomach. He must have known I wasn't great at numbers: we'd been together long enough by then. I thought to myself: *If that's the case, I'd have to go on forgiving all the time just in case I'd added it up wrong.*

When I looked at my master, he just nodded. He could see what I'd been thinking. All the feeling that there ought to be a reasonable answer drained out of me.

I can't keep accounts like that, Lord. I said.
He smiled at me: *That's just how God feels.*

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 March: Hurford Place and Hampton Crescent.



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 8th March 2020 Second Sunday in Lent

Steward: Alison Harrison

10.30am Ian Thomas

3.00pm Messy Church

6.00pm Rev. Nick Oborski @St. Andrew's

Readings: *Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

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:

Rev. Alexis Mahoney

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Rev. Kofi Amissah

is away on Sabbatical until the end of April. Please refer all urgent matters regarding St. Andrew's and Cyncoed Methodist Churches to The Rev. Alexis Mahoney via revalexismahoney@gmail.com or The Rev. Nick Oborski via nick.oborski@methodist.org.uk

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Sunday 15th March 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Steward: John Tredget

10.30am Munawar Amaf

6.00pm Rev. Alexis Mahoney @St. Andrew's

Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

Monthly East Cluster Evening Service at Cyncoed

Until further notice, the monthly evening service, held at Cyncoed, will be in the Fellowship Room.

Informal mid-week Communion

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room

An Oasis of peace in a busy week

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

- **Wednesday Lunch Club:** needs drivers. If there are any drivers prepared to offer their chauffeuring services for the next few weeks on Wednesday lunch times to a couple of our diners please contact Helen Osborne for details. A lunch is always available by way of thanks as well as some lovely company!
- **Lent Afternoon:** Saturday 14th March - 2pm - Radyr Methodist Church. The afternoon will begin with a brief reflection about Lent and waiting for Easter. You will then be taught by a local florist how to make an Easter/Spring wreath which you will be able to take home. Cost: £30 to include all wreath materials. Contact Rev. Judith Holliman 029 2084 4523 or Judith.holliman@methodist.org.uk to book a place.
- **Mens' Breakfast:** next breakfast is on 14th March, 8.30am, - 9.30am in the Fellowship Room. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule.
- **Foodbank Urgent Appeal:** due to extensive flooding in and around Cardiff, Foodbank has been inundated with requests for food and toiletries. If anyone can help by making monetary or food donations we will be very grateful. If you have any questions please contact Alison Harrison on tel. no. 07802680092. Thank you.
- **Trees:** We are intending to cut-down the large conifers around the side of the Church and trim those trees with preservation orders (the Oak on Cyncoed Road and the Pine and Beech by the side entrance on Westminster Crescent) as well as the tree neighbouring the adjacent residential building for safety and landscape reasons, because they really are now too big for the position they hold. We will plant smaller trees in their place, which won't grow as big in the future; if you've got any thoughts on this get in touch with John Tredget.
- **Thank You:** Joan Hoskins would like to thank the Church Family for all their good wishes on her recent birthday which helped to make it such a special occasion.
- **Huggard Centre:** Radyr Methodist Church are holding a Quiz and Pudding Night in support of the Huggard Centre on Friday 20th March at 7pm. Tickets £3 per person (with teams of up to 6 people). Puddings provided, bring your own (non-alcoholic) drinks. All proceeds to Huggard, helping homeless and those sleeping rough in Cardiff.
- **Church Project: *Date for your diary.*** On Saturday 4th April (time to be arranged) there will be a coffee morning in the church to raise funds for our new church project: The Wenchi Methodist Hospital in Ghana. If you are able to contribute cakes for a cake stall please see Alison Harrison or Jenny Siddall.

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.