

Church Family News and Prayers

The step we don't want to take

Rhiannon, our daughter, is now in her 30s but I remember vividly when she was a teenager and the different opinions on holiday destinations. Rhiannon wanted to see the world; Alison wanted to see Scotland. Rhiannon fancied Barbados; Alison fancied Betws-y-Coed. In those circumstances, I should have been the family mediator.

In reality, I wasn't much use. It came to a head one year when Rhiannon got invited to go with a friend and had a fabulous fortnight in Thailand. Not only did we miss her, Alison realised that the success of future family holidays would depend on her getting back on a plane. Not something she was a fan of.

"And you're no help," she told me, "because you don't make me do it." Now I've got into trouble for many things over the years but that was the first time for failing to be a bully! I felt a bit miffed to be honest.

Having said that, when I thought about it a bit harder, I realised that a relationship is not always about pleasing someone, it can also be about challenging them. Now I know there are times when we may ask the impossible of each other and some people are much more fearful flyers than Alison. However, that's no reason to always avoid the difficult things.

I wouldn't have ever found my faith if someone hadn't challenged me to stop playing with words and decide whether or not it was worth taking that step of trusting God – the one that looks like a step in the darkness and turns out to be a step into light. And I'm not sure I'd have ever asked Alison to marry me, if a close friend hadn't told me that sometimes you have to risk a "no" if you ever want to hear a "yes".

It's always easier to say nice things or nothing but sometimes it's our job to gently push each other into the next stage of our lives.

We continue to pray for those members of our Church Family and Friends who are unwell and all those who mourn.



CYNCOED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Notices for Sunday 10th October 2021 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services

10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah – Communion

3.00pm Messy Church

Readings: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16;
Mark 10: 17-31

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.

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Sunday 17th October 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.30am Local Arrangement

Readings: *Job 38: 1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c;
Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45*

Booking to attend services is no longer necessary.

Cyncoed Church Premises

If you require access to Cyncoed Church premises please call the Church Office on 029 2039 3439 (leave a message if no one is available to answer) or email cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com

NB: With immediate effect everyone entering the Cyncoed Church premises who is over 11 years of age must wear a face covering (unless they have a reason for exemption). Furthermore the face covering must remain in place for as long as they are on the church premises. This is a legal requirement as the church premises are considered to be an indoor public space.

Notices

- **MAD4KIDS** : Autumn 'Soup and Puds' Lunches, see Food 4 Food note attached.
- **LOST**: A buff coloured hearing aid with a wire extension was lost in the Church grounds in the last month. If anyone has found it, would you please hand it in to the Church Office or contact Ivor James tel 20752684. Thank you.
- **OUTREACH MAGAZINE**: Contributions are requested for the Winter Edition of Outreach, please see attached note/request from Anne.
- **MESSY CHURCH**: Our next meeting is October 10th, 3-5pm. Theme - Bartimaeus, a story about perseverance, compassion and new beginnings. Really looking forward to sharing time together. Anne

Please send items for the church notices to the Church Office or email to cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com before 5.00pm on Wednesday.