

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **The Christmas Story**

To some people's astonishment and everyone's delight, **The Christmas Story** will be in town again this year and will also be going into schools themselves for the first time – the donkeys as well as the puppets! Matthew Dixon of Cathays has asked whether we know anyone who can help so here are the things they need.

1. **Puppet People** – not full-scale puppeteering. The puppets are wired in place. Behind the puppets are two people, all in black, who tweak their hands and heads to bring the story to life. It is unbelievably effective, and very easily learned. (Each telling takes 5 minutes.)

2. **Father Christmas** The stints are quite short – visiting a school, and collecting the children's letters in your sack. It will be LOVELY. And our costume is just the best.

3. **Donkey whisperers** You'll be at the school between 10 and 2pm while the classes come out in batches to meet the donkeys. You'll have a gazebo for shelter. You needn't be in the pen with the donkeys – and you'll get a dinner-time breather.

4. **Lifts** During the 12 days of Christmas (weekdays – 1st- 16th December) could you offer lifts to any puppet people, donkey people and Santas who may need transport to get to a school?

5. **Town people** to help keep the show on the road at St John's church, the Hayes, where there will also be puppets and donkeys for EVERYBODY in Cardiff. We need a couple of stewards here, to check that the 3 people outside get cuppas and comfort breaks. Stints are 4 hours – and the church is open for a sit-down and a warm up.

**PS:** Volunteers will be provided with top-grade medical masks. Gloves and sanitizer will be provided. Social distancing will be possible at all times. Contact details: phone or text 07876464855: email [sally\\_humble\\_jackson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sally_humble_jackson@hotmail.co.uk)

***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 21st November 2021 Sunday before Advent**

### *Services*

**10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah**

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1: 4b-8;  
John 18: 33-37

### ***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 28th November 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**10.30am Gauri Taylor-Nayar**

**Readings:** *Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13;  
Luke 21: 25-36*

### **Informal mid-week Communion**

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room  
*An Oasis of peace in a busy week*

### **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](mailto: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**

- **Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal last year. We hope that you will be able to support us again this year. The collection date is from the 15th to the 22nd of November. For those who like to pack your shoebox personally, then leaflets and shoeboxes are available in the front porch. Once your shoebox is ready, please bring it to Church any Sunday between 17th October and 21 November. If you prefer to donate online then go to [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ) and follow the links. Any questions please contact Glenna Parry on 02920 206181 or Dave Kitchen on 02920 755504. Thank you, Glenna & Dave
- **Cards for Good Causes:** Just to let you know that the **Cards for Good Causes** shop is open at **St John's Church** in town from Saturday 23rd October. Hours are from **10am to 3.45pm Monday to Saturday**. A full risk assessment has been carried out and all Covid guidelines are being observed so you can shop safely and comfortably. Please spread the word around and pop in if you can. Your support will be very much appreciated - we are the only shop in Wales this year so we especially want to do well. Thank you.
- **ADVENT STUDY:** Rev. Cathy Gale is leading an Advent Study titled '**What the Gospels say about Christmas**'. All are welcome. Sessions are on Mondays from 22nd November. 2pm - 3.30pm in person at Llandaff North (please book) 7.30pm - 9pm via Zoom. To book places for the afternoon session at Llandaff North or to receive Zoom details please contact the Circuit Office [office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk)

**Please send items for the church notices to the Church Office or email to [cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com) before 5.00pm on Wednesday.**