

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **Being born in lockdown**

#### **: a family advent calendar part 2**

6 Last Christmas ... not the song by Wham but the one messed up almost totally by the virus. It nearly didn't happen at all. But it did – just. And that's what matters. It doesn't have to be tidy; it doesn't have to be neat; it doesn't have to drag on for days. It just has to be.

7 Waiting is never in anyone's top ten good ideas. And, in winter, it's worse: too tedious, too cold, too dark. But even winter eventually gives way to a waiting-for-spring time when the days slowly lengthen. It's the hint everyone needs that, someday soon, light will be longer than darkness.

8 The closer you get to the date of a birth, the more you wonder about the details of how you'll be able to help. In 2021, the thing on people's minds was government regulations. Of course, you need such things but you can't live in the shadow of them. Life isn't about what someone somewhere says you ought to do but what you know you have to do.

9 On time! Who would have guessed? Nothing in the whole year seemed to happen when people declared it would or should. Except Reuben. The biggest surprise in this world is when something happens exactly as it was supposed to. Sort of a miracle! But normal, too.

10 *Was it a normal birth?* people asked. If you mean easy and straightforward, *no*. If you mean everything proceeded as expected, *definitely not*. But, if you mean that by a herculean effort a baby arrived, then absolutely yes.

***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 27th November 2022** **First Sunday of Advent**

#### *Services*

**Steward: Alison Harrison**

**10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah**

**6.00pm Laura Evans – Circuit Zoom Service**

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

#### **No More Covid Restrictions**

As we are all aware, all COVID restrictions have been lifted. There are therefore no restrictions applicable to our services or any gathering in the Cyncoed Methodist building. We are however aware that Covid is still around. For this reason, we encourage that when in the Cyncoed Methodist building, everyone must graciously respect the preferences of other members of the congregation and the community, especially if people choose to maintain any of the preventive protocols.

#### ***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.**

### The Ministerial Team:

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Steward: Sue Tester**

**9.15am Rev. Kofi Amissah - Communion**

**Readings:** *To be advised.*



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

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

### **Cyncoed Church Premises**

**For Out of Hours or Emergency access to the Cyncoed Church Premises**

**please call Martin on 07849 632 394 or**

**email: [cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com)**

## **Notices**

- ❖ **Circuit Sunday Zoom Service 6pm**, please contact the Circuit Office [office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk) for zoom details
- ❖ **Church Choir** is preparing for the **Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 18th December at 6pm**. If there are any ladies who would like to join us you would be very welcome. Please speak to Carol or join us at rehearsal any Thursday at 8pm in the Fellowship Room. Looking forward to seeing you!
- ❖ **Cards for Good Causes**. The **Cards for Good Causes** shop is open again at **St John's** Church in town for charity Christmas cards. Hours are from **10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday**. Please spread the word around and pop in if you can. Your support will be very much appreciated.
- ❖ **Wenchi Hospital - Coffee Morning** - The stewards are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 12md to raise money for the Wenchi Hospital in Ghana. There will be a few stalls including a cake stall, for which contributions will be very welcome. Admission £2.50 which includes coffee/tea and biscuits. Alison Harrison.
- ❖ **Circuit Advent Study**. All are welcome to join the Circuit Advent Study based on Walter Brueggemann's book 'Names for the Messiah'.  
Monday Evenings: 21st November - 12th December from 7.30pm - 9pm on Zoom  
Wednesday Afternoons: 23rd November - 14th December from 2pm - 3.30pm at Llandaff North Methodist Church.  
For more information or Zoom details, please contact the Circuit Office [office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk)
- ❖ **Wenchi Hospital - Sponsored Swim update**  
I am pleased to tell you that -  
21 miles completed, 1 mile to go.  
**Calais in sight!!!!**  
Thank-you to everyone who is sponsoring me for this swim.  
Anne

**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.**