

Church Family News and Prayers

Being born in lockdown

: a family advent calendar part 4

16 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Light has dawned on those who live in a land as dark as death. But it doesn't occur just because a child is born. It happens because a child is welcomed, is loved, is cared for by a strong, smiling circle of people. That's the good news of great joy.

17 The pictures are starting to show his hair growing wild and free. What with that and the pointing of his finger, Reuben's beginning to look like a blonde John the Baptist. Prepare ye the way! Or, at least, the stairgate.

18 Of course, he's like John the Baptist in another way too. Reuben looks around, explores the situation and decides what needs to be done. So he won't always be popular; he won't always be in the majority. But he may just sometimes do the thing that needs to be done.

19 There are scenes in the story of Christmas that we never see because we are too starry-eyed. Here's one. Joseph coming home from a day's work to be confronted by a fractious, teething child dumped into his arms by an exhausted Mary. Such things don't get reported because they're routine. But they matter. A child grows well only when the hard yards are walked.

20 There were hopes for the child Jesus. But they didn't happen. He became a builder.

How's he doing?

Not a lot to report.

That would have been the family assessment. Only after 30 years did everything change. Growing up has no short cuts. And never did.

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 11th December 2022 **Third Sunday of Advent**

Services

Steward: Angela and Heather Bailey

10.30am Rev. Irfan John - Communion

3.00pm Messy Church

Readings: *Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146: 5-10 or Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55); James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11*

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.

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Sunday 18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Steward: Jenny Siddall

10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah – Nativity Service

6.30pm Carol Service (with St. Andrew's)

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



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

Notices

- ❖ **Messy Church** 11th of December, 3 - 5pm
Theme - 'We were there - are you?'
Look forward to sharing the Sunday session with you!
- ❖ **The Church Choir** is preparing for the **Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm.**
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!
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Advent PUSH Prayers on Zoom** will be led by Rev. Kofi Amissah on Fridays from 2nd to 16th December at 7.30pm. For Zoom details please contact office@cardiffmethodist.org.uk

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