

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **Being born in lockdown**

#### **: a family advent calendar part 5**

21 I see him sitting there. Amazed that he's pulled himself up. Slightly puzzled, by the look of it, that this has happened. Suddenly he can peer around at everything. The floor is no longer his only world. He's discovered the first miracle of growing: being able to look up.

22 Not everyone looks up. At least, not very much. Life is too full. Shepherds need to look down in order to count sheep, to look around for stray ones, to look out for wolves and lions that might attack. But once in all that regular work they looked up ... and heard the angels.

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#### **Wishes for a birth.**

A child who is kind.

A child who grows straight.

A child who smiles at you.

#### **Wishes for a life.**

Time to gather wisdom.

Time to live wholeheartedly.

Time to be there for others.

#### **Wishes for tomorrow:**

One step along the road.

24 *Unto us a boy is born.* The carol is sung year after year but hardly anyone spots the most important word. It's *us*. We talk about Mary's child but no son or daughter is ever born to one person. Around a mum, the *us* of life are gathered: fathers, grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbours, friends, strangers who help for a moment and are gone. Lives are shaped by a million kindnesses as people make time for each other. Happy Christmas!

***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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### *Services*

**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*

### **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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**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION AT ST ANDREW'S**

**11.30pm Rev. Stephen Wigley**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Christmas Day**

**Steward:**

**9.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah**

#### Readings:

I) Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

II) Isaiah 62: 6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20

III) Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12); John 1: 1-14



**Please Note.**

**The Next Informal mid-week Communion**  
**will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10.30am**

### Cyncoed Church Premises

**For Out of Hours or Emergency access to the Cyncoed Church Premises  
please call Martin on 07849 632 394**

## Notices

### ❖ **Rev. Phil Osborne - Funeral arrangements**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

12:30pm Service at the crematorium for family only.

2:00pm Service at Ystrad Mynach Methodist Church on Lewis Street, Ystrad Mynach.

There will be a buffet after the service.

It is family flowers only and there will be opportunity to give to charity in lieu of flowers.

### ❖ **Informal Mid-Week Communion** Please note that the next mid-week communion will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10.30am

### ❖ **Update on the Soup Run** Many of you have supported the Soup Run over the years (making soup or sandwiches regularly, donating food, clothes or money and helping on the evening) for which we are very grateful.

Although the Wednesday night Soup Run stopped because of the pandemic, Margaret has continued to support the homeless & those in insecure accommodation. She helps at Conway Road where breakfast is served each Monday keeping in touch, providing support & advice where needed as well as providing fresh fruit to supplement the breakfast rolls.

You can **continue** your support through a monetary donation or buying a jar of coffee or a bar of chocolate (no nuts please). Thank you.

### ❖ **Carol Davies** We are sad to announce the recent passing of Carol Davies a former member of Cyncoed Methodist Church and a senior officer in the 19<sup>th</sup> Cardiff Girls Brigade.

**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.**