

## A Palm Sunday prayer

Lord Jesus, when we think of the crowds who welcomed you to Jerusalem, it makes our own support for you seem a bit half-hearted at times.

We thank you for those whose enthusiasm wakes us up, for those who are full of the brightness and joy of their faith. May they challenge us to be hopeful and positive in all we set out to do in your name.

But we also know those crowds melted away as quickly as they appeared. What matters more than cheering crowds are people who stand firm when it becomes difficult or dangerous to do that. May we be steady and sure in our faith as well as keen and eager.

Forgive us when we fall short of what you hoped for in our lives and make us patient and merciful with those who fail us. We are not as forgiving or as understanding as we would like to be.

Renew your spirit within our hearts so we may be equally your followers on days of great celebration and in times of great troubles.

May our eyes be ready to see all that is lovely in your creation; may our hands and heart be ready to work hard in putting right all that has been damaged in our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ who calls us, loves us and always will. Amen

***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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 Palm Sunday

### *Services*

**Steward: Sue Tester**

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

**3.00pm Messy Church**

**Readings:** *Matthew 21: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 or Matthew 27: 11-54*

### **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 9th April 2023

### Easter Day

**Steward: Angela and Heather Bailey**

**9.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah – Communion**

**Readings:** Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10



**Informal mid-week Communion**  
**Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room**  
*An Oasis of peace in a busy week.*

## Notices

- ❖ **Messy Church; Sunday 2nd April**, 3 - 5pm  
**Theme - 'Redeemed'**  
Look forward to sharing the session with you! Anne
- ❖ **Holy Week Services** Attached is the most up to date list of Holy Week Services.

Kofi asks that the following be shared for anyone planning to attend his Holy Week Zoom Services from Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm.

*Our theme for this year's Holy Week is: LIFE INTO THE DEAD – REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL STORIES OF JESUS RAISING THE DEAD*

*It will be helpful if you are able to read and reflect on the passages for each evening in advance. They are:*

*MONDAY: Jesus Raises a Dead Girl - Mark 5:21-43 (also found in Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56)*

*TUESDAY: Jesus Raises a Dead Man - Luke 7:11-17*

*WEDNESDAY: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead – John 11:1-45*

*We will read and discuss how these stories of Jesus raising the dead mean for his own death and resurrection and how they mean for us today.*

**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.**