

The first morning

The dawn may have broken like any other morning in that dry and dusty country. It may have come without much colour, without much beauty.

What no one knew was that this first day of the week was different from any other in the history of that land. A tomb was empty, grave clothes were folded and a story which had finished was beginning again.

John saw the tomb and was too afraid to go in. Peter went into the tomb but did not understand what he saw. Mary met the man himself but thought he was the gardener.

Then he said the first words of his return. *Who are you looking for?* he asked. And getting no reply, he said *Mary*.

It was enough. She knew even in the half-light of dawn who was speaking. Her master had returned to her.

The sun rose and, bit by bit, the message began to sink in. The man who had first called their names by the Sea of Galilee would go on calling their names and calling the names of countless others as each new dawn brings each new day. He was, is and always will be – risen.

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 9th April 2023 Easter Day

Services

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

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 16th April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Steward: Jenny Siddall

10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale

Readings: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31



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

- ❖ **Congratulations** to Doug and Margaret Griffiths on their **Platinum Wedding Anniversary**, 70 years together! Unfortunately, Doug and Margaret were unable to celebrate with family as Doug is currently in hospital, he has a respiratory infection and there is also a case of Covid on his ward. Doug however is recovering and hopes to be home soon.

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