

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

Shortly after I retired, I did something I've always meant to do but never got round to. I took part in an auction at Christie's in London. It's a curious old world. Once they think you want to bid, people are immensely polite and helpful. You even get your own paddle – mine was 728. But there's also something scary about it all. In a shop, you can change your mind. Not in auctions – when the hammer comes down, that's it.

It really focuses your mind on what something is worth. You can research and talk about it as much as you like beforehand. When the bids start flying in, you've got to make your mind up, there and then. You can decide beforehand what you think you want to pay but, in the cut and thrust of an auction, you can be making very quick decisions.

And, of course, not everything is good value. That was something which always concerned Jesus. He once told his followers to look at the fruit on a tree. Good fruit equals a good tree. It works in much the same way, he said, in people's lives. And helping someone make the most of their time on this planet was what really interested him.

Even if other people couldn't always see it, everyone seemed to have potential in his eyes.

I'm sure he was right. Buying a piece of art in an auction can be all well and good – and I loved doing that - but it doesn't match the thrill of making a difference to people's lives. If you have the chance to make lives better, to help people grow and flower, take it. That's where the best value lies.

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 30th April 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services

Steward: Angela and Heather Bailey

10.30am Dr Maurice Wentworth

5.00pm Circuit Service at St Andrew's

Readings: Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 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 7th May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Steward: Sue Tester

9.15am Rev. Kofi Amissah - Communion

Readings: Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14



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

- ❖ **Circuit Evening Service, Sunday 30th April**, we will gather together at the slightly earlier time of 5pm at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, to celebrate and thank our Local Preachers for their work in this Circuit. We will be presenting Long Service awards to Roger Yeo and Anthony Thomas and recognising those that have stepped back from preaching in the last few years. Please join us to show our appreciation. Tea/coffee will be provided afterwards. The Service will also be on Zoom,
- ❖ **Informal Mid-week Communion** : Please note our Mid-Week **Communion on Thursday 4 May** will commence at the **earlier time of 10am**.
- ❖ **A Message from Keith Norton:**
I would like to thank the members who came to my aid on Sunday last, for their prompt action and support, when I had my "faint" and their subsequent messages and prayers for us Both. The A&E were excellent and gave me a clean bill of health.
- ❖ **Outreach Magazine**. I am hoping that you will consider submitting a contribution for the 'Summer Outreach' whether you have done it before or be it for the first time. Photos, news, poems, reflections, stories, articles etc ... All contributions will be **VERY** welcome!! Submissions can be left in the 'Outreach tray' in the church Office. **Deadline for submissions is Sunday 21st May**
Many thanks, Anne
- ❖ **Gift Aid**. Please see note attached

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