

## Preparing the Ground

Deacon Laura Evans launches her book of readings and reflections for the harvest season next Saturday afternoon (23<sup>rd</sup>) at Conway Road: 2.30-3.30pm. Dave Kitchen has been very unwisely chosen to manage the sales desk!

Here's a little taste of the book. Laura writes:

*Some years I can plant ten tomato seeds and every single one grows to full size and produces on an industrial scale, keeping the neighbours stocked up until Christmas. At other times ten apparently identical seeds will sit in the exact same compost before two of them condescend to grow, lacklustre and barely fruitful ...*

*... there are so many things we don't and may never fully understand. How many species of animal exist on earth? Are we alone in the universe? Where do missing socks go?*

*Ecclesiastes reminds us that's okay not to have all the answers ... it's our task to work towards a future that we're not meant to foresee or control, knowing that God is already there*

You'll be very welcome just to turn up next Saturday but a quick email to [laurajevans@me.com](mailto:laurajevans@me.com) would help with the cakering (the correct term I believe for catering with cake!)

*Preparing the Ground* costs £7.50 and can also be purchased from Laura directly or via Dave. It's on Kindle, too.

***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 17th September 2023 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### *Services*

**Steward: Jenny Siddall**

**10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion**

**Readings:** Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114 or *Canticle:* Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

### **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 24th September 2023 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**10.30am Circuit Service  
at Wesley Methodist Church Caerphilly**

**Readings:** Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1: 21-30;  
Matthew 20: 1-16



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

## Notices

- ❖ **Memory Walk** Helen Osborne is doing the Memory walk on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society on September 17th. If anyone would like to sponsor her there will be a form on the vestibule table and any donations can be given to the stewards. Thank you
- ❖ **Bible in Ten-Thanks** A word of thanks for the encouraging feedback about **Bible in Ten** and how people are using it. My next challenge is to find ways of sharing it outside my usual contacts: not always easy in this sometimes insular world of ours. So, if you like the book and have contacts in other denominations or further afield geographically, I'm very willing to share my enthusiasm for all things biblical.
- ❖ **The Morning Circuit Service** on 24th September will be held at Wesley Methodist Church, Caerphilly at 10.30am. There is free parking on a Sunday in the pay and display car park on Crescent Road a very short distance from the Church. There will again be activities for the children and young people and we hope to see as many people there as possible from all ages to share in Worship together.
- ❖ **Appointment of two new Circuit Stewards to the Circuit Leadership Team.**  
One of these stewards would also serve in the role of **Circuit Treasurer**. This person has to be appointed with some urgency as Wendy Barwise needs to step away from the role due to other commitments. We invite anyone who feels so led to express interest by contacting Rev. Cathy Gale or Lisa at the Circuit Office by **Friday September 29th** and this will be followed up. The second position would involve being part of the Circuit Leadership Team as we continue to build the future of the circuit through the Forward in Hope process. Please express interest by contacting Cathy or Lisa by **Friday October 20th**.  
**Please feel free to speak with any of our current Circuit Stewards if you'd like to hear more about the role.**



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.