

Nine Facts about Shoeboxes

- 1 Not all shoeboxes are filled with presents for Christmas. Some are actually used for shoes.
- 2 Glenna Parry secretly wonders if the failure to use a shoebox for children's presents should be against the law.
- 3 Filling a shoebox full of stuff for a child you will never see can be a bit of a fiddle-faddle.
- 4 There is a shoebox shortcut for the technically-minded by doing it online for the sum of £20.
- 5 Operation Christmas Child actually started in Wales but, like baseball, we got the Americans to grow the idea for us.
- 6 The number of shoeboxes that have now been distributed has gone across the 200 million mark. Which is quite a lot.
- 7 For several years, two ex-members of Cyncoed Methodist ran the shoebox operation for the whole of Wales – Margaret and Roy for those of you with long memories.
- 8 Watching Glenna sob uncontrollably because there are no Christmas shoeboxes when we get to November would make us all feel terribly ashamed. *(No emotional blackmail here, of course!)*
- 9 All the details about Operation Christmas Child are on the table at the back of the church.

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 24th September 2023 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services

**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*

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 1st October 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Sheila Scott

9.15am Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion

3.00pm Messy Church

Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13;
Matthew 21: 23-32



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

- ❖ **Messy Church 1st October, 3pm to 5pm**
Theme: All Together Now.
Look forward to sharing the session with you. Anne
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Trinity Centre Coffee Morning** All are invited to Trinity's Coffee Club on Wednesdays from 10am - 11.30am. They are now meeting at Parkminster Church during the building work at Trinity.

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