

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 15th October 2023 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services

Steward: Sue Tester

10.30am. Ian Thomas

Readings: Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4: 1-9;
Matthew 22: 1-14

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 22nd October 2023
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Alison Harrison

10.30am. Avery Pendry

Readings: *Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;
Matthew 22: 15-22*



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

- ❖ **Notices Back Page** We're repeating Dave's words about the shoebox appeal because they fell on the Sunday we were in Caerphilly. He and Glenna didn't want to miss anyone.
- ❖ **Coffee Morning** The church stewards are holding a Coffee Morning, in aid of church funds, on Sat. 28th October from 10am - 12md. There will be a cake stall and a bric-a-brac stall, entrance fee is £2.50p and we will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits, contributions to both stalls will be very welcome. The Stewards.
- ❖ **Safeguarding Training** Dave Kitchen, our Safeguarding contact/officer wants to draw your attention to a foundation course on Saturday 21st at Taffs Well Methodist from 9.45am. It's a chance to do the necessary training face to face rather than online. To book a place, please contact safeguarding.candc@gmail.com or call Lisa in the Circuit Office on Wednesday between 10am and 2.30pm 029 2039 3436. Any other questions, please buzz Dave. Further details on the attached flyer in the e version of the notices.

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