

More from Preparing the Ground

We had a taster from Deacon Laura Evans' book of readings and reflections for the harvest season a few weeks back. Here's a further taste of Laura, slightly adapted to fit this back page:

The baby shrieks and giggles, delighted at the sight of a funny face. The toddler vibrates in anticipation of being tickled. Children enjoy a 'mad five minutes', excited to be alive. Adults ... smile a bit.

But, in Psalm 67, we find a writer overflowing with delight about this world: God, the harvest, everything. It's all too awesome to deal with. Joy radiates from every pore.

The concept of a harvest as a blessing from God is a hard one – what if next year's crop is less abundant?

However, I wonder if we sometimes mix up joy and happiness. The latter is lovely but has no staying power, floating away at the first sign of trouble. Joy is a state of being, independent of circumstances.

Sometimes we may be an exhausted beaten follower but God is still able to reach into the depths of our soul. Joy and peace come from knowing yourself still loved.

Preparing the Ground costs £7.50 from Laura directly (laurajevans@me.com) or via Dave Kitchen. 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 29th October 2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services

Steward: Jenny Siddall

10.30am. Rev. Cathy Gale – Harvest with Communion

Readings: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8;
Matthew 22: 34-46

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 5th November 2023
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Sheila Scott

9.15am. Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion

*Readings: Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13;
Matthew 23: 1-12*



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

- ❖ **A Thanksgiving Service** for Margaret James will be held at Cyncoed Methodist Church on Wednesday 1st November at 11.45am followed by refreshments in one of the halls. There will be a small family gathering at Thornhill Crematorium prior to the service at Cyncoed.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Harvest** This year your food donations will again be sent to the Cardiff Foodbank. Food in tins, jars or packets of dry food only please.

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