

## Church Family News and Prayers

# Always remember

I remember him: the balding stooped man who once drove the Japanese back along the Burma Road in his tank and refused to speak even once about what he had seen.

He was courtesy itself in his bowler hat and dark grey suit. No one worked harder than him and his family never went hungry, although it was a close-run thing in the mid-1950s.

He would reminisce about playing water polo in Poona and taking a train to visit the Taj Mahal. He taught me that the word bungalow isn't English at all but comes from India. I lapped up all the little details like what a punkah wallah did. But war played no part in these stories.

I realise now that he could not bear to bring the grotesque horrors to mind. When people say "war is hell" they are not really getting close to the full force of what it does. War is something so terrible my father could never speak to me about it. Even once.

Yet he couldn't forget. It was the memory too awful to share. So that was the one thing he asked me earnestly always to remember and to pass on.

***We continue to pray for those members of our Church Family and Friends who are unwell and all those who mourn.***

## Welcome to Cyncoed Methodist Church



**part of Cardiff Methodist Circuit**

### **Church Notices for Sunday 12th November 2023 Remembrance Sunday**

#### *Services*

**Steward: Angela and Heather Bailey**

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

**3.00pm. Messy Church**

**6.00pm. Café Church @ Cathays**

**Readings:** *Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13*

#### **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.**

### The Ministerial Team:

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Sue Tester

10.30am. Anthony Thomas

*Readings: Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30*



**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

- ❖ **Margaret James** Ivor James and family wish to thank all at Cyncoed Methodist Church for their messages of sympathy and condolences on the death of Margaret recently. In addition, we thank all who attended the service celebrating her life on Wednesday, 1st of November 2023. Diolch yn fawr.
- ❖ **Messy Church** Sunday 12th of November 3 - 5pm  
Theme - 'Fabulous new city for everyone'  
Look forward to sharing the session with you!
- ❖ **Outreach Magazine** I am hoping that you will consider submitting a contribution for the 'Winter 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 19th November
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** - After Cathy has given thanks for the Christmas shoe boxes in this morning's service and blessed them on their way, you still have one further chance to help. If you need an extra week, Glenna will still be collecting on the 19<sup>th</sup> before delivering them all on Monday morning. We are also grateful for online boxes and donations that keep the wheels of the operation turning. Any queries, contact Glenna Parry or Dave Kitchen.

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.