

Christmas memories I

First memory?

The pudding: steamed for hours.

No microwaving back then.

We are at 69 Farm Fields, the house of my grandparents.

I'm not the least bit interested in the pudding

But I am filled to bursting with hope

That I'll find the silver threepenny bit in my bowl.

Three pennies equals twelve Fruit Salad chews.

Deep breath; spoon at the ready;

Dig in.

I find it! – the first big thrill of my life.

Not that you can spend silver threepences

But my dad is on hand

To swap my winnings into legal currency:

As always,

There to make Christmas work properly.

Dave Kitchen

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 3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Services

Steward: Alison Harrison

9.15am. Rev. Cathy Gale – Communion

Readings: *Isaiah 64:1-9; psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19;1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37*

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 10th December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent**

Steward: Sheila Scott

10.30am. Vera Ruddock

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8



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

- ❖ **Church Choir** - any ladies who would like to join us and augment the Choir for the Service of Lessons and Carols on the 17th December at 6pm are very welcome. We rehearse on a Thursday at 8pm in the Fellowship Room (but last rehearsal will be on Friday 15th in the Church at 7.30.). Please speak to Carol.

- ❖ **Advent Study** - All are welcome to join the Circuit Advent Study based on the book 'An Unlikely Advent - Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story' by Rachel Billups. Zoom Sessions Mondays 27th November to 18th December 7.30pm - 9pm (contact the Circuit Office for the Zoom details) Sessions at Llandaff North Wednesdays 29th November to 20th December 2.30pm - 4pm

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