

## Christmas memories II

Christmas lunch with nan and grandpa  
Was the unchanging certainty of the season.  
It was something everyone seemed to take for granted.  
I never asked why.  
It meant my Christmas took place in two places.  
I liked that.  
It gave a rhythm to the day,  
Reminded me that we get together  
On at least that one day in the year.  
At Christmas, you open your arms to each other.

What I didn't know was  
That the lunch arrangement was a compromise.  
Mum couldn't cater without panicking;  
Dad had a ridiculously busy job;  
Grandpa could cook porridge.  
That left Nan.  
Our arrangement wasn't a choice at all;  
It was simply the only option that might work.  
And the great thing was that it did.

**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 10th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent**

#### *Services*

**Steward: Sheila Scott**

**10.30am. Vera Ruddock**

**3.00pm. Messy Church**

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

#### **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 17th December 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

**Steward: Sue Tester**

**10.30am. Nativity Service – The Stewards**

**6.00pm. Rev. Cathy Gale – Carol Service**

*Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55);  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28*



**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** Sunday 10th of December 3 - 5pm  
**Theme - All things Christmas!**  
Look forward to sharing the session with you!
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Cwtch Baby Bank** This year's Carol Service is on Sunday 17th December at 6pm, the offering will be donated to the Cwtch Baby Bank in Taffs Well.  
The Baby Bank distributes pre-loved Baby items to vulnerable families throughout Cardiff, it is a small charity and any monetary donations go towards buying nappies, baby milk and food for newborns to 24months. Further information can be found on their website.  
Sue Tester

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.