

Church Family News and Prayers

Peter in Gethsemane

We arrived in Gethsemane and could hardly see a thing – a night almost too dark for shadows. Jesus told us he felt overwhelmed, sensed the closeness of death. He'd taken three of us into the deepest part of the garden. There to keep watch

His prayer that night has always stayed with me: *Abba, Father, let this hour pass from me, let this cup be taken away from me. You can do that. Everything is possible with you.* There was a pause then where he seemed to say nothing. Perhaps he was listening or perhaps he was just trying to find the words. Then I heard him eventually say: *Not what I want, Father, but what you want.*

And that was it. Whatever he may or may not have said after that, I missed because I couldn't keep my eyes open any longer. The very next thing I remember was him shaking my shoulder and saying: 'Simon, could you not keep watch for one hour? Stay awake with me. Pray that you will not drift into temptation. You want to do the right thing but your body is letting you down tonight.'

He'd called me *Simon*, my first name, not *Peter*, the rock. I was mortified. How could I have failed so utterly? Because I was exhausted. James and John had dropped off as well but I had been chosen to lead so, for me, it felt a whole lot worse. I was the night fisherman who never lost concentration. If I could do it in a boat, why on earth couldn't I do it in a garden?

But that's weakness for you – it takes you when you least expect it. Up to that moment, I thought I could be my master's right-hand man. Afterwards, I knew better. All I could hope for was to be his forgiven friend.

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 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Services

Steward: Alison Harrison

10.30am Rebecca Bhone

3.00pm Messy Church

*Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12 or Psalm 119: 9-16;
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33*

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 24th March 2024

Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday

Steward: Sheila Scott

10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale

Readings: **Entry into Jerusalem:** Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-16;

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

The Passion: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11;

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47 or Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)



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 Easter` Church](#)
Sunday 17th March, 3-5pm
Theme - **Seeing is believing**
Look forward to sharing the session with you!
- ❖ **A request for furniture donations** has been received from Rev. Irfan John.
Are you able to donate any of the following items please?
Double bed, Single bed, Dining table + chairs, Coffee table, Lamp. Or, any other household items.
Rev. Irfan John will be happy to come and collect any items you have.
His contact number is, 07796494035
- ❖ **Lent Lunch** The Circuit World Church Group are holding a Lent Lunch at St. Andrew's Methodist on Thursday 21st March at 12.30pm. Donations will be welcomed for Christian Aid. All are invited, but they ask that you please let Gill know if you are planning to attend so she knows how big a pan of soup to make! Call Gill on 07528 069961
- ❖ **Evening Cafe Worship** The evening cafe style worship led by the Local Preachers will **not** be in Cathays on the 2nd Sundays of the month as advertised in the plan. They will now be in **St. Andrew's Church Hall** (use the Tower entrance on Coronation Road). This Service is for anyone looking for an informal evening service, utilising the skills of our team of Local Preachers.
- ❖ **Church Collection Envelopes** Church Collection Envelopes for the year commencing 6th April 2024 will be available in Church from Sunday 10th March. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or set up a standing order, then please let me know.
John Plumridge, Finance Team

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