

Looking over the edge

: Thomas on Palm Sunday

It was extraordinary. No other word for it. None of us had any expectation we were going to draw a crowd of that size and it felt spine-tingling: the noise, the laughter, the cheering. I thought to myself: now this is truly what I call a festival.

But, as Jerusalem itself came into view, I noticed the guard-house high in the city wall. People call me a pessimist but I've always argued I'm a realist. When you're in the middle of a parade that has somehow turned into an amazing outdoor party, somebody should be watching out for the people who might break it up.

Things had begun to go a little crazy when the crowd started cutting down palm branches to wave at Jesus as if he was lord and master of everything he surveyed. That was thrilling, of course, because it looked as if we were going to change the world.

Yet I spotted the guard-house. I think, deep down, I doubted that this was actually the start of a glorious new chapter. Part of me wondered whether it was something darker

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 24th March 2024
Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday**

Services

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)*

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 31st March 2024 Easter Day

Steward: Jenny Siddall

9.30am Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 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

- ❖ **Parry Pearce** It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Parry Pearce, who died peacefully on Thursday, surrounded by his wife Christine and family. We give thanks for Parry's life and remember Christine and family in our prayers.
- ❖ **Easter Day Service** Please note that next Sunday, 31st March the service at Cyncoed will start at 9.30am.
- ❖ **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.