

Mary Magdalene's moment

I thought he was the gardener. You'd have surely done the same. I was looking for what had been done with the body. But when he called my name – *Mary* – I knew it was Jesus. Nobody else ever called my name quite like he did. But it couldn't be him, could it? He was dead. I'd seen it happen with my own eyes and it had been absolutely horrific.

Rabboni? I said. It was more of a question than a statement. That's what we called him – *Master*- but was he really there? I wasn't sure so I did the scariest thing of my whole life: I grasped hold of whoever or whatever had spoken to me. There are plenty of stories about evil spirits in the land where we grew up and I was terrified of what I might be opening myself up to.

To feel his body at that moment as I did will stay with me until my last breath. And it's what I told the disciples later in the day – it can't have been a dream because I held him tight.

Then the tough bit. Jesus told me, very gently, very quietly that I couldn't hold on to him. Well, of course, he was right. You can't stay clinging on to each other in a garden for the rest of your life. As I let go, he gave me the first message to give to the disciples. And that's exactly what I did.

In the years to come, I'd tease Peter now and then by calling him *Boss*. He'd always reply by saying: *But you're the special one: you brought the very first message of all.*

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 31st March 2024
Easter Day**

Services

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*

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 7th April 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

Steward: Sue Tester

9.15am Rev. Cathy Gale – Communion

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2; John 20: 19-31



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** Parry's funeral will be held on Friday 12th April at 10.30am in the Wenallt Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium. No black clothing please.
- ❖ **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.