

Church Family News and Prayers

Thomas has doubts

‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, I will not believe.’ That’s what I said. ‘Unless I can actually put my fingers where the nails were and my hand into his side, I will never believe.’

None of my friends who were claiming to have seen Jesus had an answer to that and no one said much to me for a whole week. They thought they’d seen something. I knew it was nonsense. It must be.

Then it happened. It was Sunday once more, quite late. The doors were locked as they always were during that week. Suddenly, there was that greeting again: *Shalom*. From nowhere, Jesus was in the midst of us and I was standing right by him.

‘Put your finger here, Thomas,’ he commanded. I went rigid. ‘Look at my hands. Reach out your own hand and put it in my side. Stop doubting and believe.’

I went to say sorry and that seemed totally inadequate. What a complete idiot I’d been. But then what else would most other people have thought? Eventually I took the deepest of deep breaths and said: ‘My Lord ... and my God.’

Jesus turned and looked straight at me: ‘You believe because you have seen me,’ he said. ‘Just think what a blessing, what a joy it is and will be for those who have not seen this and yet still can believe.’

That was the moment I knew a new era was opening. What we were seeing, hearing, touching was only a start. If I ever get a little too fond of my small place in the story, I just remind myself that we are only the beginning.

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 7th April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter**

Services

Steward: Sue Tester

9.15am Rev. Stephen Wigley – Communion

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

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 14th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Steward: Alison Harrison

10.30am Avery Pendry

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b - 48



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.
- ❖ **Safeguarding Training** Dave K (our Safeguarding person/contact) has flagged up the following.
Online Foundation Safeguarding Training led by the Synod Tuesday 30th April 10am - 12 noon/Thursday 6th June 7pm - 9pm
To book a place please email Lisa safeguarding.candc@gmail.com with: Name + Email + Phone Number + date required
Please also add Cyncoed and the job (role) you do
(Face to face training is planned for later in the year)

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