

NUMBERS – A VERY SHORT GUIDE

A bit of background

If *Leviticus* is a sort of handbook, *Numbers* is a kind of journal. It's written for people scratching around in the desert for a living while looking for a land of their own. A curious mixture of poetry, songs, prayers, prophecy, laws ... and a walking stick that produces almonds. Plus, for those who enjoy such things, loads of lists and plenty of ... guess what? ... numbers!

A taste of the troubles

This is a nation on the move so you get travel details served with a bonus portion of complaints: 'In Egypt, we could eat melons and cucumber and fish and meat. What do we get now? Manna followed by manna followed by manna.'

'Lord,' says Moses to God, 'What have I done to deserve this bunch of grumblers? It's too much. If this is all you've got planned for me, finish me off!'

The best news in the book

Wherever people are from, they're welcome with God.
Problems have solutions if you bother to seek them.
Sharing the work makes all things possible.
Failure isn't the end – there are still second chances.
God longs to let his face shine upon us.

from Bible in Ten – David Kitchen (BRF)

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 12th May 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Services

Steward: Jenny Siddall

10.30am Munawar Amaf

3.00pm Messy Church

Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

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 19th May 2024 Pentecost

**10.30am Circuit Service @ St Teilo's CW High School
Circle Way East, Cardiff. CF23 9PD**

**(You are encouraged to bring a picnic for fellowship after
this service.)**

*Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b;
Romans 8: 22-27 or Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15*



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 12th May
Theme - Shh! It's a secret
Look forward to sharing the session with you!
- ❖ **SUMMER OUTREACH**
As always, contributions toward our Summer edition will be VERY welcome!! This can be news, poems, prayers, reflections, stories, or anything of interest.
Submissions can be left in my tray in the church office.
Deadline for submissions is Sunday 19th May.
- ❖ **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** is from the 12th of May to the 18th of May and fund raising is necessary for them to carry out their work.
The envelopes will be in the Pews today, 12th May, but there will also be envelopes which have the instructions for returning them to the letterbox at the side of The Church. Volunteers are needed to distribute these envelopes on the streets in close proximity to the Church, **but you will not be required to collect them**, as we hope people will deliver them to The Church. Offers of help will be welcomed. If you know of others, who may like to make a donation, you're welcome to take more envelopes. For more information contact Keith on (029) 2075 7050
- ❖ **DAVE AT THE LIBRARY**
This month's talk at Rhydypenau Library sees our very own Dave Kitchen tackling the question: **Are Writers Insane?** It's on Wednesday 15 May. Doors open at 7.00pm for coffee and cake. The talk kicks off at 7.30 and it will all be over by 8.30. Please join Dave if you fancy finding out a little more of what he does outside church. You'd be most welcome. It's free but you need to book.
Phone the library on 029 2087 1330.
Or email: rhydypennauh@cardiff.gov.uk

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