

Church Family News and Prayers

Blessed? *Mary reflects on her own words*

"From now on, all generations will call me blessed." Did I say those words? It all seems so far away now, so much has happened since then.

And there is much I would forget: the fears about Joseph's reaction to my news, the long hard road to Bethlehem, the pain of that birth. But there is no way they can be left behind. I treasure them, all the memories, sometimes in spite of myself.

A few of the words are written down. My poem, for instance: perhaps that's too grand a word for the thoughts. I shared them with my cousin, first. It's the line about all generations calling me blessed that sticks with me most of all.

I see it beginning to happen these days. My son has gone from us now, but we are not alone: the work goes on in His power, in a way I can't explain. I am happy in that. It makes the pain worth bearing. As to what future generations will really call me, who can tell?

But I would like to be called blessed because I was. Not with the kind of good fortune that makes every road smooth, but with a kind of rough joy. I fought on even in exhaustion because I knew the road led somewhere and I knew I had been chosen to walk it.

"Why me, Lord?" I'd ask. I never got an answer to that. He might have chosen a princess or a woman of great intelligence. He might have chosen a girl of great strength or great beauty. Instead he chose me. Of all the miracles I saw, that is the one I never get over.

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 29th December 2024
First Sunday of Christmas**

Services

Stewards: Angela and Heather Bailey

10:30am Rev. Stephen Wigley

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 5th January 2025
Second Sunday of Christmas**

Steward: Sheila Scott

9.15am Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion



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

- ❖ **Thursday Communion** The next service will be on Thursday 9th January.
- ❖ **Edna Rees** The funeral for Edna Rees will be on Friday 10th January. There will be a Service of Committal at 11:00am in the Briwnant Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 12:00pm at Cyncoed. Refreshments will be served in the Westminster Hall after the service. Please keep Edna's family in your prayers.
- ❖ **Laurie Harrison** With sadness we let you know that Laurie Harrison died, very peacefully, on Monday December 16th. Please remember Alison and all the family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements will be announced when available.
- ❖ **Thank you** for all the monetary & chocolate orange donations at the Carol Service. The total was £235. These have been donated to **Reachout** (which supports the Homeless).

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