

Church Family News and Prayers

It was a clear sky with the last glow of sunset fading into the earth: the end of December, once more. He turned and went inside. He did not want the light to fade from this last day or the emptiness to close over another year.

Are you thinking of the old days? she asked.
He smiled at her understanding: Yes.

He was remembering the golden years long ago when he had thought the future held the promise of great things; the years when he had felt that God was shaping his life in a special way; the years when he had cherished a dream of putting wrongs to right and changing the world.

She smiled: *These haven't been bad years, have they?* He looked out into the darkness, knowing every contour of the countryside, every pattern of the stars. These had been quiet, uneventful times, empty of dream or excitement. But, yes, she was right: they had been fair years in many ways. *God is good*, he declared and then he rose to his feet. *Time for bed. I will not wait up to see the beginning of another year. Tomorrow will be a day like any other, God willing.*

The night settled over the desert, blacking out the bush that would one day soon be ablaze with God's glory. The New Year began quietly, imperceptibly in his dreamless sleep: the year of the burning bush, of the miracles and the plagues, the year of action after the long years of waiting. But no more important to God than the beginning of the year before or the year before that when he had been quietly moulding his servant Moses for the task that would count through all eternity.

Lynette Bishop (adapted)

We continue to pray for those members of our Church Family and Friends who are unwell and all those who mourn.

*If you would like to be included in the prayer list,
Please write your name in the book in the foyer of the church.*

**Please pray for our CEEMP Prayer Partners:
St David's/All Saints Llanedeyrn**

Prayer in Your Street for January: Rannoch Drive



CYNCOED METHODIST CHURCH

**A warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today
Please stay for coffee or tea in the church after the service.**

**Sunday 5th January 2020
Second Sunday of Christmas**

Steward: Alison Harrison

9.15am Rev. Kofi Amissah – Communion

10.30am Rev. Delyth Liddell

6.00pm Rev. Kofi Amissah @ St. Andrew's

**Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-14; psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1:3-15;
John 1: (1-9) 10-18**

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.

A family room is available, if needed, for the use of parents with babies and toddlers, allowing parents to share in worship while the little ones enjoy the toys provided. Please ask one of the stewards for more information.

**Please ensure that your mobile is on 'silent' during the service.
Follow us on Facebook.**

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Sunday 12th January 2020

First Sunday in Ordinary Time / Sunday after Epiphany

Steward: John Tredget

10.30am Rev. Kofi Amissah – Covenant Service

3.00pm Messy Church

6.00pm Rev. Alexis Mahoney @ St. Andrew's

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

Informal mid-week Communion

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room

An Oasis of peace in a busy week

If you are new to this church or if you have any particular concerns and would like to talk to someone please give your name and contact details to one of the ministers or stewards.

Notices

- **Janet Farnsworth:** there will be a Service of Thanksgiving, here at Cyncoed, on Friday 10th January at 11.30am.
- **Cardiff Foodbank:** the Foodbank is short of the following items: coffee, tinned potatoes and UHT milk. If you are able to donate any of these items the Foodbank will be grateful.
- **Wednesday Lunch Club:** needs drivers. If there are any drivers prepared to offer their chauffeuring services for the next few weeks on Wednesday lunch times to a couple of our diners please contact Helen Osborne for details. A lunch is always available by way of thanks as well as some lovely company!
- **Men's Breakfast:** next breakfast will be on Saturday 11th January at 8.30am our speaker will be Rev. Kofi Amissah who will tell us about his recent trip to Israel/Palestine. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Please leave items for the church notices in the Church Office (for Mike Berry) or email to cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com before 5.00pm on Wednesday.