

Church Family News and Prayers

A country burial

A robin perched itself on the churchyard wall. I didn't see it at first, far too occupied with the words being intoned: *We have brought nothing into this world and it is certain we carry nothing out.* I wondered about that and hoped, for a moment, we might take our best memories with us.

You'd always liked robins; watched out for them from your kitchen window, although they were irregular visitors to the small square between house and garage that passed for a garden in those tight-packed streets.

It hadn't started out like that. A visitor to the village took your eye, stole your heart, swept you into the city. A growing family in a bustling house made up for some of the sacrifice you made but there was always the ache of longing for the country roads of your early years.

Each Christmas, robins arrived on cards. We never quite grasped their importance. It was a memory held in the deepest place of all: midwinter with a single bird-call as you walked the lane to this holy place where carols were sung and people held each other close.

Words jolt me back to the present: *In the midst of life, we are in death.* But I spot that the robin is still there and I realise too that, in the midst of death, we are in life.

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 22nd December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Services

Steward: Sheila Scott

10:30am Dave Kitchen

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 29th December 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

Stewards: Angela and Heather Bailey

10:30am Rev. Stephen Wigley



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.

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