

## 1 SAMUEL – A SHORT GUIDE

### A bit of background

This is the history of the Jewish people as they move from being a loose grouping of tribes to a single nation, including their desire for a king or queen to lead them. The upside of this wish could be having a person who sets the very best of examples and turns people's hearts and minds towards God. For the downside, just keep reading some of the details in this book!

### Perspectives

1 Samuel shows how life can be often fine if people simply love God wholeheartedly. At other moments, the book reveals what happens when laziness, jealousy or just avoiding what needs to be done takes over. Samuel discovers you can hear God clearly if you listen carefully. The choice of David as king shows that what you look like matters far less than what you are deep down. And throughout the story there are right ways and darker roads. As Samuel reminds the people, they have a choice to make.

### The key moment

The time comes when God asks his servant Samuel to find a man to take over when King Saul dies. He's sent to Jesse's house where the first son makes a great impression on him. God sees it quite differently: the oldest son *looks* the part but it's the heart that matters. Initially, Jesse hasn't even bothered to call his youngest son in from the fields. He's a skinny stick of a kid but handsome and healthy with sparkling eyes. God tells Samuel: that's the one – David.

*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 22nd June 2025  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewards: Angela & Heather Bailey**

**10.30am The Stewards**

### ***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.**

### **The Ministerial Team:**

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Office hours 8:30am to 11:30 am Mon – Thurs

**Sunday 29th June 2025**

**Conference Sunday**

**Steward: Sue Tester**

**10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale  
and General Church Meeting**



**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**

Please send items for the church notices to the Church Office  
or email to [cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com)  
before 5.00pm on Wednesday.

### **Notices**

- ❖ **Methodist Homes** Sunday (22nd June) celebrates the work of Methodist Homes. Please place your kind donations in the envelopes provided and gift aid if you are able. Thank you
- ❖ **Summer Outreach Magazine** those receiving the Notices by email will have received a copy of Outreach electronically. Hard copies are also available at the back of the church.
- ❖ **David Gordon-Roberts** You will be saddened to hear that David has passed away. For newer people at Cyncoed, you may not remember David as one of us. He was kind, faithful and genuinely interested in other people. When he and Margaret moved to the Trecenydd side of Caerphilly, they joined St Cenydd Road Presbyterian Church where David looked after the Pulpit Rota for many years. His funeral will be on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> at St Cenydd Road Presbyterian. It's at 1.00pm and the postcode is CF83 2SY. Margaret would love to welcome you to the service if you can come. Dave Kitchen has a few further details about Margaret and you are welcome to contact him.
- ❖ **Lost Property** If you have lost an umbrella, jacket, jumper or even a scarf please look in the Fellowship room at the hooks on the left of the door and take anything that is yours. Anything left by the end of June will be going to charity.