

2 SAMUEL – A SHORT GUIDE

A bit of background

The *Book of Samuel* was too large to fit on one scroll, a long roll normally made of parchment or papyrus. Instead, it came in two parts, like *Kings* and *Chronicles*. This second section of *Samuel* is essentially the story of King David's reign with all its splendid highs and gut-wrenching lows.

Perspectives

Battles, divisions, rebellions. Joy, dancing and unnecessary guilt about being fortunate. *2 Samuel* has every aspect of David's reign. There's kindness, fairness and terrible cruelty, all as part of one person's story. It's history mixed with soap opera, prayer and poetry. Above all, there is God who hears and answers when a broken heart calls out in the depths of despair.

The ending

One of the royal victory poems is used to help wrap up the book. It's David declaring that God is his protection. City walls, good commanders and tough soldiers all play a part but it is God who saves him and keeps him safe.

'The waves of death and destruction crashed over me,' he says, 'But, when I called out in my troubles, he heard me.'

Tomorrow isn't secured by the power of swords and shields, but because God promises that there will be a future.

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 29th June 2025 Conference Sunday

Steward: Sue Tester

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

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 6th July 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Sheila Scott

9.15am Rev. Stephen Wigley – Communion

4.00pm Informal Service



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 before 5.00pm on Wednesday.

Notices

- ❖ **Methodist Homes** Sunday 22nd June celebrated 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.
- ❖ **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.