

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 6th July 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Steward: Sheila Scott

9.15am Rev. Stephen Wigley – Communion

4.00pm Informal Service

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 13th July 2025

Action for Children Sunday

Stewards: Jenny Siddall & Alison Harrison

10.30am Barbara Ward

3.00pm Messy Church

6.00pm Reflective Service @ St Andrew's



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

- ❖ **'Meet, Eat and Connect'** our next event will be held on Saturday 12th July at 10.00 - 11.30am in the Fellowship Room. This month we will be delighted to welcome Barbara Thomas to share her experience as a seafarers welfare volunteer for Stella Maris, the largest ship visiting network in the world. All welcome. Please note that there will be no Meet, Eat and Connect event in August and we will recommence on Saturday 13th September. Have a great Summer!
- ❖ **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.