

1 KINGS – A SHORT GUIDE

A bit of background

The two-part book of *Kings* was probably written when God's people were in exile in Babylon. It's the story of the kings of Israel and Judah all the way from Solomon to the collapse of the kingdoms. Includes fabulous buildings and foolish behaviour.

A promise and a warning

Solomon becomes famous for building God's Temple but knows that no building, however grand, can encompass God himself. So Solomon prays simply that their Temple will be a place of justice, repentance and forgiveness. God's response is an encouragement and a warning: 'If you go on serving me with integrity, I will watch over you forever; if you drift away, then there will be no safe place, only a pile of broken stones.'

A short guide to the book

People want wealth ... preferably with wisdom. King Solomon gets both but it doesn't save him. And those that follow rarely learn the lessons of his life – fine work doesn't make up for bad relationships. Alongside the kings are the prophets, especially Elijah who calls on God to pour fire from the sky. It works but it's not how God speaks to his prophet when it matters most. Instead, he chooses a quiet moment and a small voice. Sometimes the noise of life needs to subside for listening to begin.

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 10th August 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewards: Jenny Siddall & Alison Harrison

10.30am Munawar Amaf

4.00pm Informal Service @ Cyncoed

6.00pm Reflective Service @ St Andrew's

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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Sunday 17th August 2025 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Steward: Sue Tester

10.30am Dave Kitchen

Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch



**Informal mid-week Communion
will recommence in September
Thursdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room**

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

- ❖ **Mike Berry** is sending his sincere thanks to the Church Family and friends for all their prayers, good wishes, kindness, and support received during his recent stay in hospital and recovery at home. Thank You!
- ❖ **On Sunday 17th August Kofi and his family** will be worshipping with us. Kofi and Justina will be celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary and we will be having a Bring and Share Lunch following the service to which everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to give us an idea of numbers and food donations. Thank you, Cathy and the Stewards.
- ❖ **Holiday Club** (5-11 year olds) at St Andrew's Methodist Church Tuesday 26th August to Friday 29th August, 9:30am to 1:00pm each day. See flyer for more details.
- ❖ **The 2025-26 Methodist Prayer Handbook** is now available for order. This years' version is updated with a broader variety of prayers, easy to use prayer prompts, guidance to form your own prayers and QR codes and links to related online content. Copies are £4.15 and available in regular print (A5) and large print (A4). Orders can be placed with Lesley at the Church Office or by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the vestibule by **Sunday 24th August**.
- ❖ **Autumn Outreach** - contributions toward the Autumn edition will be VERY welcome!! This can be news, poems, prayers, reflections, stories or anything of interest.
We would prefer where possible electronic versions to be sent via email to: m_annetucker@yahoo.co.uk
or submissions can be left in the tray in the church office.
DEADLINE for submissions - Sunday 24th August.
- ❖ **At the General Church Meeting** at the end of June we issued a survey form to indicate what are some of the gifts and skills each person has, and what are some of the things we'd like to see happening at Cyncoed. For the next few Sundays copies of the survey are available for those who didn't get one at the June meeting (or anyone who's lost theirs!).

Please could you complete one and leave it with the Stewards. The deadline is **Sunday 24th August**, following which the responses will be collated so we can move into September with some ideas and new energy. Many thanks for those who've already completed a survey. Thanks, Cathy.