

## **2 KINGS – A SHORT GUIDE**

### **A bit of background**

The second part of *Kings* is, in many ways, darker than the first. The outside threat to the kingdoms comes from the Assyrians and Babylonians. But the leaders of both Israel and Judah seem very capable of wreaking plenty of destruction themselves.

### **A need to learn the basics**

This is history with the warts on show, where whole families get slaughtered just for being related to the wrong person.

King Amaziah is newsworthy because he doesn't wipe out hundreds in revenge for the death of his father. 'Parents should not be killed for the crimes of their children,' he declares, 'Children should not die for the crimes of their parents.'

### **A short guide to the book**

Do you call on God or your own kind of experts? That's the question at the very start of *2 Kings*. And if you do call on God, will you do what he says? This is a world where kings could make a difference but don't and even the basic laws get lost. In contrast, when Josiah stumbles across those very rules, he follows them. Naaman finds God when he loses his ego and Joash discovers the right way when he's doing the right thing. The bright intervals are a sign that life doesn't need to end in tears. The fact that it did is a reminder that happy endings are not automatically guaranteed.

*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 17th August 2025  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Steward: Sue Tester**

**10.30am Dave Kitchen**

**Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch**

### ***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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Steward: Sheila Scott**

**10.30am Local Arrangement**



**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](mailto:cyncoedmethodistchurch@gmail.com) before 5.00pm on Wednesday.**

### Notices

- ❖ **Thank You** - a big thank from Dave Kitchen to those who made it to the ReUnion Concert at the end of July. Around 200 people turned up and over £1350 was raised for charity. Lots of hard work but worth every minute!
- ❖ **The Funeral for Denis Bellamy** (husband of Shelia) will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11am at Briwnant Chapel Thornhill.
- ❖ **Holiday Club** (5-11 year olds) at St Andrew's Methodist Church Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 9:30am to 1:00pm each day. See flyer for more details.
- ❖ **Trinity Centre Volunteering Opportunities** - the Trinity Centre is looking for volunteers for events throughout the year and also for their Women Friendly Fridays. See attached leaflets 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:m_annetucker@yahoo.co.uk)**  
or submissions can be left in the tray in the church office.  
**DEADLINE for submissions - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.