

Heard not seen

These back pages have been a mixed bunch over the last seven years. It's been deliberate. Different things will resonate with different people. That's all to the good. However I realised this month that I've never really highlighted the one part of my life which is heard but never seen. Radio broadcasts have been part of my life, on and off, for over 50 years.

My very first appearance (*although appearance is hardly the right word*) came on Trans World Radio (TWR) where I was asked to explain the rules of cricket. Please don't ask why an international Christian broadcaster wanted such a thing. I have no idea.

But it was a start. I stumbled into BBC work because, quite unintentionally, I made people laugh while introducing a gospel concert. A BBC producer who had been told to find a few voices that didn't sound like everyone else on Radio 4 looked up and the rest of my life on air flows from that moment.

People say I was lucky and it's true – some talented folk never get a break. On other hand, most people don't agree to do over 90 speaking engagements a year, as I was doing back then.

Unusually I've done great chunks of stuff for both public service and commercial broadcasting, including over 5 years as the Sunday morning presenter on CBC/Red Dragon. People ask why I've done it over the years. That's easy. It's lovely to see you face to face on a regular basis but there are people who never go near a church and radio is my way of saying hallo to them just as I do to you.

Dave Kitchen

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 24th August 2025
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Steward: Sheila Scott

10.30am Local Arrangement

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 31st August 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewards: Angela & Heather Bailey

10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion



**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

- ❖ **Kath Stollery** - it is with sadness that we announce the death of Kath who recently died. The funeral will take place on Monday 8th September, 11am at Cyncoed Methodist Church.
- ❖ **Our Condolences** to Sue Tester and family on the passing of her father and to the family of Val Wood (mother of Penny Stead) who passed on Friday 22nd August.
- ❖ **Thank you** to everyone who has sent messages following the death of our dear Dad earlier this week, we really appreciate all your love, thoughts and prayers at this time.
Sue, Deecie and Chris Tester.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 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.