

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **Shoebox stuff v.2025**

- 1** Christmas shoeboxes have all sorts of things in them but never shoes. Bit of a duff name then...but we can't think of a better one so far.
- 2** One set of shoeboxes was being delivered into a war zone last year. When the church organisation doing the work arrived, they discovered that the families there had nothing left to eat. So they went away and brought back food parcels to go alongside the Christmas presents.
- 3** You can still do a shoebox even if you can't get out and about very much. About 10% of boxes are now done online and our church did several of those last year. It's not as much fun but it's less fuss and just as useful.
- 4** Over a quarter of a million shoeboxes were filled with toys for children who would have nothing otherwise. But that's just our contribution from Britain. Worldwide, the number of shoeboxes being given out each year is over 10 million.
- 5** Operation Christmas Child started in Wrexham so long ago that the town didn't even have much of a football team to talk about back then. In Cardiff, we now know exactly what that feels like! ...but we are getting better again.
- 6** All the details about Operation Christmas Child are on the table at the back of the church and Glenna Parry will tell you anything further that you need to know...so long as it's in the normal soprano range.

***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 7th September 2025  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Steward: Sue Tester**

**9.15am Rev. Cathy Gale – Communion**

**4.00pm Informal Service @ Cyncoed  
Rev. Cathy Gale**

### ***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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewards: Alison Harrison & Jenny Siddall**

**10.30am Tim Phillips**

**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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> September 11am at Cyncoed Methodist Church.
- ❖ **Val Wood** - it is with sadness that we announce the death of Val who died Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The funeral will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm at Cyncoed Methodist Church.
- ❖ **Cyncoed Toddlers** recommences on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 9:15am in the Westminster Hall.
- ❖ **'Meet, Eat and Connect'** the new season will commence on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am to 11:30am in the Fellowship Room, Cyncoed Methodist Church. Our speaker will be Richard Whitehead who will talk about the 'Local places for nature programme; how communities are being transformed through green spaces across Wales'. A very relevant subject within the context of our Eco Church commitment. All welcome.
- ❖ **Messy Church** - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
Theme - Hope: putting your trust in God.  
Look forward to sharing the session together!
- ❖ **Two Countries** - Carole Burns is Dave Kitchen's next guest at Rhydypenau Library on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. She'll be talking to him about her absorbing novel ***The Same Country*** and discussing the difference between Wales where she lives and the U.S. where she grew up. As a Washington Post correspondent, she still has a foot in both worlds. Trowbridge or Trump? Come and meet an engaging and gifted speaker. Coffee/cakes from 7:00pm, Dave's interview with Carole at 7:30pm. Booking is helpful; 2087 1330 or [rhydyppennauhub@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:rhydyppennauhub@cardiff.gov.uk)
- ❖ **Llanishen Methodist Church** are holding their annual Eco Church event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 11:00am to 1:00pm. Guest Speakers: Julie Morgan Senedd Member for Cardiff North and Sarah Charlesworth from the Cardiff Circuit Eco Church Group with an update on Llanishen's progress towards the Silver Eco Church award, and some bulb planting! We had a good display of daffodils in March following the planting last year. Refreshments will be available in the church hall afterwards.
- ❖ **Harvest Family Worship** - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am. Gifts of cash or non-perishable food items will be gratefully received for the Cardiff Foodbank.