

## Church Family News and Prayers

### **Strange Arrival**

I was stationed in the guard-house tower that afternoon. So almost certainly I was the first to get a glimpse of what was happening. 'Some sort of party or it could be a religious ceremony coming our way,' I yelled down to my commanding officer.

Quintillus hauled himself up the final couple of steps. He squinted into the middle distance and said: 'Well, what do you think it is?' 'Looks to me like a hero returning to make a nuisance of himself during the holiday season. What's this one?'

'Passover.'

'Well, it would be better if they all passed over and left us in peace. If that bloke is on horseback, I reckon we need the legion out now.' Quintillus sighed. 'Look more carefully, Albus.'

'Ah, he's side-saddle on a donkey.'

'Exactly. Most military leaders don't ride in on animals used for carrying sacks of grain, do they? But keep looking because there's a chance that it will turn nasty but I don't see any sign of it at this moment. Remember: our job is to keep the peace and collect the taxes. If you see weapons or horsemen, just tell me and I'll have soldiers here on the double to remove the ringleader's head from his body. In the meantime, they can sing Hosanna as many times as they wish and dance until dusk.

And, with that, the boss turned and plodded back down the stairs leaving me to watch and wonder about what on earth they were expecting from this strange god of theirs.

*adapted from **Easter inside out** – 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 29th March 2026  
Palm Sunday**

**Steward: Sue Tester**

**10.30am Rachel Barwise**

### ***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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Easter Day**

**Stewards: Angela and Heather Bailey**

**10.30am Dave Kitchen**



**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**

- ❖ **Circuit Plan Amendment.** The preaching plan indicates that the Easter Sunday service at Cyncoed will be led by Cathy and Dave Kitchen. However, since Alexis is currently on sick leave it has become necessary to make a change to cover his Easter services. So, Easter Sunday the service at Cyncoed will be ably led by Dave (with no Communion) and Cathy will appear on the Sunday after Easter when there will be Communion.
- ❖ **Cardiff Foodbank** - with Easter approaching, we are hoping for donations of small Easter Eggs to give to the children, so if you can help with donations, it will be gratefully received. Thank you, Alison H.
- ❖ **Reachout**  
We will be giving out Easter Eggs to the Homeless. If anyone could donate a small Easter Egg (95-100g size such as Maltesers/Kitkat/Mini Eggs) they would be much appreciated. Please bring to Church & place in bag at back.  
Thank you  
Margaret Ashford / Carolyn Penn
- ❖ **Circuit Lent campaign: Reduce your carbon footprint #6**  
**Action:** Reduce buying new belongings and equipment  
Before buying something new, ask yourself if you really need it. Could you borrow, rent, or buy second-hand instead? Fast fashion and single-use items create enormous waste. Choosing quality items that last longer, repairing what you have and supporting companies with genuine sustainability commitments all help reduce your environmental impact.  
**Pray:** We pray for those countries who are already experiencing the effects of climate change; Ethiopia and Kenya, where people are experiencing the driest conditions and hottest temperatures since current record-keeping began; Pakistan, India and other countries where changing weather patterns often cause devastating flooding; Ecuador, Vietnam or island nations which are fast losing ground to rising sea levels. We pray for those poorer countries, with minimal emissions who are bearing the brunt of climate-linked devastation and for the groups such as All We Can, Christian Aid and Tearfund that are supporting them.