

failure isn't forever

It was great to have Professor Ian Kitchen at the library to talk about *A century of drugs* last month. Not just because it's fascinating to hear about the pills we pop from penicillin to paracetamol, nor even because he's my brother who has worked on antihistamines, lead in petrol, the DNA of addiction and much more.

The most interesting thing of all was that our mum always thought he was not very bright. That wasn't entirely surprising because his poor A level results meant he went to work in a hospital laboratory rather than go to college. But it was in the lab that the story changed dramatically because he loved the job and started to work hard at exams for the first time.

Step by step, he went from basic technicians' qualifications through to a first class honours degree and then a PhD. I watched in awe as first he matched me and then overtook me. He'd found his niche and wasn't going to let go of the opportunity. It's my wonderful reminder that failure isn't forever.

And that's reinforced for me every Easter season. When, on Good Friday, it looks as if the failure is complete and irretrievable, I know that Easter Sunday is just around the corner. And while the resurrection story must seem absolutely unbelievable from many perspectives, well then so does my brother's tale. So catching up with him will remind me again of the quote I've got pinned on my study wall: if it's not okay, it's not the end.

adapted from original broadcast on Radio Wales

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 May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Steward: Sheila Scott

10.30am The Stewards - Local Arrangement

3.00pm Messy Church

6.00pm Reflective Service at 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.

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Sunday 17th May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Steward: Sue Tester

10.30am Gauri Taylor-Nayar



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 before 5.00pm on Wednesday.

Notices

- ❖ **Messy Church** this Sunday 10.5.26, 3-5pm
Our theme is: - Community: a home for all
Look forward to sharing the session with you!
Anne Tucker
- ❖ **Meet, Eat and Connect** The next breakfast will be held on Saturday 9th May, 10.00 - 11.30 am in The Fellowship Room, Cyncoed Methodist Church. We are excited and delighted to welcome Dylan Whitehead who will share his 'Adventures in the Royal Navy Sea Cadets'. All welcome to support Dylan and enjoy delicious croissants, toast and fellowship.
- ❖ **Summer Outreach** Contributions toward the Summer edition will be VERY welcome!! This can be news, poems, prayers, reflections, stories or anything of interest.
I would prefer where possible electronic versions to be sent via email to m_annotucker@yahoo.co.uk or submissions can be left in my tray in the church office.
DEADLINE for submissions - Sunday 17th of May
- ❖ **June Evans** It is with sadness that we announce the death of June Evans - June's funeral will be held on Monday 18th May, 11.15am at Pidgeons Funeral Home, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff CF5 1BD. June was a regular at Cyncoed, she was a lovely, caring lady who will be greatly missed by many.
- ❖ **Garden project update:** I am thrilled to announce that Cyncoed Methodist Church has successfully passed the first stage of the application process for a Places for Nature garden package. The next step is a site visit to check the suitability of the space.
Heather Bailey
- ❖ **Christian Aid Week.** Sunday 10th May is the commencement of Christian Aid Week. As Christians we are told to help our neighbours. Who are our neighbours.? There are so many people in foreign lands in dire need of Help. We are unable to help them but, Christian Aid can and does. So by giving generously to Christian Aid we are in a small way fulfilling the responsibilities of being a Christian. It is hoped, that you take two Christian Aid envelopes home, one for you to use and one to give a friend or neighbour, and return it next week in the collection plate or to the Cyncoed Methodist Church letter box in the coming weeks.
Thank You.
- ❖ **The Big Little Plant Sale for Alzheimer's Society**
Sarah Duncan-Jones remarkable annual charity plant sale takes place at 29 Park Avenue, Whitchurch CF14 7AL on Sunday 17 May from 2-4pm. Those who went last year asked for a reminder of when it is ... so now you know. One of the most remarkable open house events you will probably ever find!
Refreshments available. Card or cash.