

## **EZRA – A SHORT GUIDE**

### **A bit of background**

In terms of what happens when, *Ezra* seems to follow on from where *Chronicles* left off. It's not always written in date order, so it can be a bit of a puzzle. What is clear is that the homecoming of the Jewish people after exile is only the opening page.

### **The actual start of the story**

Six months after settling back into their homes, the people come together in Jerusalem for the Festival of Shelters. The Temple is still a shell but there is an altar and it's a moment to start collecting money for the rebuilding.

Soon the foundation stones are laid and trumpets ring out in celebration: soul music of the very earliest variety. They know that God is good and his love goes on forever. The younger ones are just full of joy but the older men and women shed tears. It's been a long road and they remember what's happened along the way.

### **Two home truths from the book**

When you're given a new start, you need to grasp it with both hands. And real joy lies in completing the work you were given, not just beginning it.

*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 5th July 2026  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewards: Angela and Heather Bailey**

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

**4.00pm Rev. Cathy Gale – Informal Service**

**Lectionary: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17 or  
Canticle: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Romans 7: 15-25a;  
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30**

### ***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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**Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:30am to 11:30am**

**Sunday 12th July 2026**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Steward: Sheila Scott**

**10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale  
General Church Meeting**

**3.00pm Messy Church**

**6.00pm Reflective Service @ St Andrew's**

**Lectionary: Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Romans 8: 1-11;  
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**



**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**

- ❖ **General Church Meeting** will be held after the morning service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026.
- ❖ **Bible Study Group** Following our meeting a few weeks ago, we decided to have a regular Bible Study Group on the first and third Thursdays of each month, beginning on Thursday July 2nd. The group will be led by Cathy run from 2-3pm in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome and encouraged to participate, whether you feel your Bible knowledge is extensive or not so great!
- ❖ **Meet, Eat and Connect** The next breakfast event will be held on Saturday 11th July at 10.00am to 11.30am in the Fellowship Room, Cyncoed Church when we will be delighted to welcome Martin Hooper, who will be sharing 'The Ancient Borough and Freeman of Llantrissant'. All very welcome. After a break in August we will recommence on Saturday 12th September for another opportunity for us all to Meet, Eat and Connect.