

Church Family News and Prayers

Mini bible study: Matthew 18:21-38

Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven times, but seventy times seven. The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'

There are few things more annoying than forgiving someone's mistake only to find them doing the same thing a week later. I can remember, as a headteacher, saying to a member of staff who hadn't learnt from experience: 'One mistake is understandable; repeating the same thing means it is becoming an issue.' In my mind, I imagine Peter equally frustrated by someone who hasn't changed their previous behaviour.

Peter raises the question of where the limits to forgiveness lie. His choice of seven goes beyond the traditional teaching of the day. Rabbis would direct their followers to the book of Amos and suggest that a person who wished to be Godly might forgive a person on three occasions but need not do so on a fourth. In saying seven, Peter must surely have expected the approval of his master.

Instead, Jesus suggests that he should go on forgiving for so long that he will have lost count. The reason comes in the parable that follows the question. It's about someone who cannot possibly pay his debts. Jesus is, in effect, telling Peter not to look at others but to look at himself. When I am reading this story, I always imagine some of the many people I have let down across my life. It's a sobering and embarrassing thought. If I need that level of forgiveness, I also need to offer it as well.

Lord, make me far less keen to concentrate on what I have done right and far more willing to forgive those who may have done me wrong.

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 18th October 2026
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewards: Alison Harrison & Jenny Siddall

10.30am Local Arrangement

Lectionary: Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;
Matthew 22: 15-22

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 25th October 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewards: Sue Tester & Roy Methley

10.30am Rev. Rosemary Davies - Communion

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46



Informal mid-week Communion

An oasis of peace in a busy week.

**Services held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at
10:30am**

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

- ❖ **Community Garden** We will be looking to stake raspberry bushes in the next few months and planting seeds ready for the raised beds. If you have any seed trays or bamboo canes (ideally 6ft) that you no longer need, we'd love to have them please. All donations will be gratefully received.
- ❖ **The Trinity Centre** are holding a competition to name their upstairs hall. The hall is used for many different activities, groups, celebrations and meetings. It has beautiful stained glass windows including the rose window, which is used as a basis for their logo. The other rooms in the building are called the Sanctuary and the Croeso Room. They are looking for a name that is easy to understand and reflects the community and heritage of the building. The prize is a £50 voucher. To enter, email enquiries@trinitycentre.wales for an entry form. The closing date is Monday 16th November.