

JOB – A SHORT GUIDE

A bit of background

This is the beginning of the five Wisdom books in the bible which cover suffering, love, boredom, hate, delight, prayer, parenting and sex. Among other things! They do not set out to solve everything but just to be places where people's puzzles, pain and pleasure are given a voice. *Job* comes first, struggling with the big issues of suffering and fairness.

A taste of Job's challenges

I may end up dead but God is still my hope – so here's my challenge to him. Why do you hide your face from me? How many wrongs have I committed? Why have I become your enemy? We're set adrift in this world with too few days and too many troubles. How can life begin again when all you can see is death. Trees may manage it but is it possible with people? You seem to wear everything down, Lord ... including us.

In a nutshell

This is the place where the questions get asked about why life seems so unfair and why good people suffer. It's also the book which discovers that there are no neat answers to that. What you do learn is how shallow some of the arguments about suffering can be. If people are in pain, they simply don't want religious platitudes or an enthusiasm for apportioning blame, they need someone who will stick by them.

from Bible in Ten – David Kitchen

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 1st November 2026
All Saints Day**

Stewards: Angela & Heather Bailey

9.15am Rev. Cathy Gale – Communion

4.00pm Rev. Cathy Gale – Memorial Service

Lectionary: Revelation 7: 9-17 Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12

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 8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

Stewards: Alison Harrison & Jenny Siddall

10.30am Rachel Barwise

3.00pm Messy Church

Lectionary: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;
Matthew 25: 1-13



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

- ❖ **Bible Study** The Bible Study scheduled for November 5th has been cancelled, as Cathy will be conducting a funeral on that day. Bible Study will resume on **Thursday 19th November** with Ruth Chapter 3.
- ❖ **Midweek Communion** Our next midweek communion will be on **Thursday 12th November at 10.30am.**
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** Please bring your shoebox to Church on Sunday 8th November where they will be blest. You can also drop your shoebox off at the church office—Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 11.30am. If you would prefer to make a donation, then please make cheques payable to 'Samaritan's Purse'. Many thanks to everyone who supports this charity. God Bless
Dave and Glenna
- ❖ **Church and Community Garden** Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated bulbs, planters and other equipment for our garden project. The next volunteer morning is **Saturday 21st November from 10-12.** We will be digging, planting bulbs and sowing seeds. Coffee and cake as a given, of course! If you fancy joining us, either to help or for a cuppa and to see how the project is developing, you'd be very welcome. If you know of a friend or neighbour who may be interested, why not invite them to come along too. We'd love to see them. Thank you
- ❖ **Christmas Wreath Making** Friday Dec 4th, from 10.30-2pm At Cyncoed Methodist Church. Cost £25, £5 deposit required please. Price Includes: wreath ring/frame, Greenery, Flowers Trinkets. Please bring any extras that you would like to add, baubles, bows etc. Coffee/tea and mince pies/cakes included in the price. All are welcome, bring a friend. Names to Gwyneth Worth if interested.