Church Family News and Prayers

Out of the shadows

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. *(John 19; 38)*

Once Christ's death on the cross has been confirmed, we arrive at the part of the story that gives me quite unexpected hope. Instead of Christ's body being left out for the wolves and vultures, someone steps forward. It is not one of the twelve who have been at the heart of the work; it is not even someone who has been thought of as a follower.

Joseph of Arimathea has been a secret and scared supporter. He is part of the establishment but shocked by what his colleagues and friends have done. .And so, when it seems too late, he steps out into the open. Who knows what on earth Pilate made of it all? First, some of the council come to him clamouring for crucifixion. Now another one arrives, requesting that he may care for the body.

Whenever I have been shy about my faith, whenever I have feared that I will be thought of as strange and different for my beliefs, I have tried to remember Joseph of Arimathea. If this man who had chosen to always live in the shadows can step out, then so can I.

A taster from the BRF Bible Notes that Dave Kitchen has written for Easter 2027. If you don't already use daily bible notes, the details of these ones are on the inside pages of the notices. Dave will happily tell you more if you're interested

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 15th November 2026
Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewards: Sue Tester & Sarah Close

10.30am Dave Kitchen

Lectionary: Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

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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Sunday 22nd November 2026
Sunday before Advent

Stewards: Sue Tester & Roy Methley

10.30am Rev. Cathy Gale - Communion

Lectionary: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7a or Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46



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

- **Bible Study** Our next Bible Study will be on **Thursday 19th November** with Ruth Chapter 3.
- **Bible Reading Notes**
  New Daylight bible reading notes come out three times a year and Dave Kitchen has written the notes for Easter fortnight in the edition just published. If you are interested, this is the link to the right place for ordering: https://www.brfresources.org.uk/collections/our-notes/products/new-daylight-deluxe-edition-january-april-2025
  But, if you catch up promptly with Dave, he is putting in an order which will at least save you postage. Please make contact with him by Wednesday 18 November. Thanks
- **Meet, Eat and Connect** Our November Meet, Eat and Connect breakfast will be held on 14th at 10.00 to 11.30 in the Fellowship Room. The usual fare of delicious croissants and toast will be served and then you can sit back and be enlightened as our speaker, Mike Bailey, explains 'A pleasing terror' (the history of ghost stories). All very welcome.
- **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.