



Schools Brochure 2019

Cwm Cynon Christmas - The Story

Cwm Cynon Nadolig – Y Stori

Performances Monday 2nd December to Saturday 7th December

9.30a.m. 11.00a.m. 1.30p.m. 3.00p.m.(Saturday Only)

Welsh Performances 11.00a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Yn Gymraeg Dydd Mawrth a Dydd Iau am 11o'gloch





WHAT is “Cwm Cynon Christmas – The Story”?

Cwm Cynon Christmas – The Story brings to life the 2,000 year old story using adult actors, professional costumes and staging. It is presented in both Welsh and English (including the activities) and suitable for all faiths and needs.

This twenty minute production is packed with breath-taking moments. On their journey, Mary and Joseph encounter angels and shepherds, soldiers and stables, childbirth, Magi and stars – not to mention the arch-villain, Herod, before finally returning safely home to Nazareth.

In addition, the children have the unique opportunity to complete and personalise Christmas cards.

Alternatively, the children may wish to take part in a bell ringing session where they will be taught to play a Christmas carol on handbells. The whole event is suitable particularly for ages 7-11 year olds, but children

either side of this age group have enjoyed the production in Aberdare as also have adults.

And of course there will be the opportunity to visit the donkeys outside the church....even to sit on one and have your photograph taken.

ALL OF THIS IS ENTIRELY FREE!



WHY SHOULD YOUR SCHOOL VISIT?

Christmas is full of traditions. We are sharing in a story which founded the “Christmas” we are celebrating today and is certainly a special and important community and church link which we should embrace and develop in our locality.

It is also GREAT FUN! Creating music with hand bells and colouring a Christmas Scene to take back to school.

Although “Cwm Cynon Christmas –The Story” is the gift of our churches to the children of Cynon Valley, we would like to stress that there is no evangelising or preaching involved – just the presentation of the story itself. The event is appropriate for children of all faith backgrounds, and supports elements of the National Curriculum stages 1 and 2

SCHOOLS BOOKING FORM 2019.

Venue: Green Street Methodist Church, Aberdare.

It is quick and easy to make a booking but booking in advance is essential due to the expected popularity of school visits.

Further information can be obtained by ringing 07580 451967 (Julia Lewis) or 07833 346441 (Tony Lewis) or emailing ahtlewis@talktalk.net

N.B. Contact after November 22nd is Teifwen George 01685 873098 or Angela on Facebook (Cynon Nativity)

We will then contact you to confirm your booking.

£50 per bus given to schools towards transport costs.

Essential information to provide on the form

Name of school:

School contact:

Telephone number:

Email:

Preferred Date:

No. of seats required:

Ages of children attending including any additional needs/requirements of the children:



Handbell Ringing Sessions



Encountering the traditional tunes of Christmas through the medium of bells is certain to bring Christmas vividly alive for everyone. The techniques involved are so simple and the instruction given is so clear, that by the end of their half-hour session your children will be able to play a simple carol - brilliantly. Success is guaranteed.

Belleplates (see www.belleplates.com) are a marvellous invention, ideal for children. They recreate the authentic sound of hand-bells, but the belleplates themselves are lightweight and sturdy, unlike classic bells which are heavy, fragile and expensive.

Each child will have a bell of their own to ring, and under the direction of our teachers they will quickly find themselves making music. Working together as a team, the children acquire a strong sense of the way individual notes harmonise to create a tune.

Please note that it can be arranged for schools who have participated to hire the set of bells for a few days , so that the children can build on their experience. Details will be available at the event.

Frequently Asked Questions?

Is it suitable for children of all faiths?

Absolutely, This is a classic retelling of a 2,000 year story, long familiar to people of all faiths. Cwm Cynon Christmas- The Story has been enjoyed by many local schoolchildren and adults from different faiths and backgrounds. The Christmas Story has been well received by everyone who has come to see it and we have had excellent feedback from the children who enjoyed seeing the story brought to life, participating in the activities and meeting the donkeys.

What about children with special needs?

We can make space available for wheelchairs. Please let us know your requirements when booking for a performance.

Transport.

Coaches/Minibuses can pull in to the bus stop near the Aberdare Library and it is then a safe walk across the square to Green Street Methodist Church. Buses/Minibuses can also come into the car park at the rear of the church.

How many children can be seated in each performance?

We can accommodate 150 children at each performance.

Is there a hearing loop?

Yes, there is a hearing loop system.

Also, because the entire story is told via the sound-track The Story is easy for sight-impaired individuals to follow.

Is it suitable for children of all ages?

Yes, children of all ages “nursery plus” can enjoy it. The adults enjoy it too!!

This is a bi-lingual event, how does it work?

Please check the front of “The Schools Brochure 2019” for the Welsh Performances.

How will we know where to go when we arrive?

Our stewards will be waiting to greet you at the front door of the church.

Is there any hidden costs?

All the essential costs have been met by the churches of the Cynon Valley, of all denominations, together with donations from the wider community.

This is their Christmas gift to the children of the Valley.

A £50 contribution for each bus that the school has to hire will be reimbursed to the school on production of an invoice. Our treasurer is Mrs Mary Donnison and her contact email for this claim is cynonnativity@gmail.com

How definite are the timings?

We are committed to running a tight ship and getting everyone in and out on time.

However, as with anything in life, unforeseen circumstances may arise which may upset our plans.