

CAN I GET MARRIED IN ONE OF THE CHURCHES IN THE PARISH OF TREHARRIS TRELEWIS BEDLINOG & LLANFABON?

The churches of the Parish are:

Saint Matthias | Treharris
Saint John the Baptist | Nelson
Saint Mabon | Llanfabon

You have a legal right to be married in any one of the above churches if you, or your partner, can answer **yes** to any one of the following questions:

1 Do you, or your partner, **reside within the geographical boundary of the Parish?**

(This generally includes the communities of Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog and Llanfabon, which includes Nelson.)

or

2 Are you, or your partner, enrolled on the **'Electoral Roll'** of the Parish?

(This is a kind of list of church members.)

or

3 Do you, or your partner, have a **'Qualifying Connection'** with the Parish?

You have a **'Qualifying Connection'** when you, or your partner, meet any one of these criteria:

a) were you, or your partner, baptised (christened) in any one of the above churches?

b) were you, or your partner, confirmed in any one of the above churches?

c) have you, or your partner, ever lived in Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog or Llanfabon, including Nelson?

d) have you, or your partner, ever regularly attended worship in any of the churches for a period of no less than six months?

e) during your lifetime, or the lifetime of your partner, have your parents ever lived in Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog or Llanfabon, including Nelson?

f) during your lifetime, or the lifetime of your partner, have your parents ever regularly attended worship in any of our five churches for a period of no less than six months?

g) have your parents or grandparents, or those parents and grandparents of your partner, ever been married in one of the churches of the above churches?

If you can answer yes to any one of these questions above, you have a right to be married in this Parish.

If you cannot answer yes regrettably, by law you cannot be married in one of the churches of this Parish.

It is important that you speak to Father Gareth before you make any other preparations or bookings to ensure your preferred date and time can be accommodated.