

WELCOME | CROESO@

The Parish of Treharris | Trelewis | Bedlinog | Llanfabon

If you're visiting or joining us for the first time, then it's really good to see you today. Refreshments are usually available after the service, do ask someone for directions. Please take this sheet home and use it to pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in the communities of Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson and Llanfabon. Fr. Gareth Coombes | Parish Priest

TODAY

Services

9:00am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson
10:30am	Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias, Treharris
4:30pm	Evening Prayer at St. Mabon's, Llanfabon

The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Readings

Acts 8. 26-40; 1 John 4. 7-21; John 15. 1-8

The Psalm | 22. 24-31

R/. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30th April 2018 (White)

Easter feria

7:00pm Llanfabon Mothers' Union at St. John's Church Hall

Tuesday 1st May 2018 (White)

+ Phillip & James | Apostles

Wednesday 2nd May 2018 (White)

+ Athanasius | Bishop & Doctor

11:00am Morning worship at St. Matthias, Treharris

11:30am Coffee morning at St. Matthias Church Hall

Thursday 3rd May 2018 (White)

Henry Vaughan | Poet

10:30am Morning worship at St. John's, Nelson

11:00am Coffee morning at St. John's Church Hall

11:30am St. John's Food Co-op at St. John's Church Hall

Friday 4th May 2018 (White)

Easter feria

Saturday 5th May 2018 (White)

+ Asaph | Bishop

2:00pm Messy church at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach

NEXT SUNDAY

Services for Sunday the 6th of May 2018 (White)

+ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Holy Eucharist at St. John's Church | Nelson

10:30am Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias | Treharris

4:30pm Holy Eucharist at St. Mabon's | Llanfabon

The Readings

Acts 10. 44-48; 1 John 5. 1-6; John 15. 9-17

Psalms 98

NOTICES

2017 PARISH SUMMER DRAW books of draw tickets are now available in church; proceeds will help us meet the challenge of this year's parish share, which has been set at **£41,000.00**

The draw will take place at the Parish Summer Dance at Bedlinog RFC on Friday the 29th of June.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON limited places available for the parish trip to Stratford on Saturday the 9th of June. Everyone welcome; £12:00 per person.

WELCOME to Fr Thomas Vale who joins us this morning at St. John's and St Matthias. Thank you for being with us today.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS is being offered by the diocese for all wardens, parish officers and specially those working with vulnerable persons. Places are limited and need to be reserved with Patreesa. The session is on Wednesday the 9th of May at St. Matthias from 5:30pm.

+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD we join with friends from around the cluster on Ascension Day; Thursday the 10th of May for a combined Eucharist at 7:00pm.

MOTHERS' UNION DEANERY FESTIVAL is on Tuesday the 8th of May at 7:00pm at St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer.

CHURCHYARD APPEALS 2018 the first series of cuts have taken place at Llanfabon and St. Cynons; this year's planned maintenance is estimated to cost around **£3,000** if you would like to make a donation, please see one of the wardens or donate online at www.mydonate.bt.com

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There are also gift-direct offertory cards, gift-aid envelopes and plain envelopes available at the back of each church. Please speak to one of the wardens if you need any help.

FROM THE PARISH DIARY:

10th May | Ascension Day; Cluster Eucharist 7:00pm St. Catwg's, Gelligaer

12th May | CBS Ward Meeting; 12:00pm Holy Trinity, Llandrindod Wells

31st May | Corpus Christi; Cluster Eucharist 7:00pm Holy Trinity, Ystrad

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God whispers in our pleasures but shouts in our pains.

C. S. Lewis

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