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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	Morning Worship at St. Matthias, Treharris
4:30pm	Holy Eucharist at St. Mabon's, Llanfabon

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Readings

Acts 4. 5-12; 1 John 3. 16-24; John 10. 11-18

The Psalm | 23

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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 23rd April 2018 (Red)
George | Martyr & Patron Saint of England

Tuesday 24th April 2018 (White)
Easter feria

6:30pm Treharris Mothers' Union at St. Matthias Church Hall

Wednesday 25th April 2018 (Red)
Mark | Evangelist

11:00am Morning worship at St. Matthias, Treharris
11:30am Coffee morning at St. Matthias Church Hall

Thursday 26th April 2018 (White)
Easter feria

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 27th April 2018 (White)
Easter feria

Saturday 28th April 2018 (White)
Easter feria

12:00pm Holy Baptism at St. Matthias, Treharris

NEXT SUNDAY

Services for Sunday the 29th of April 2018 (White)

+ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

The Readings

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

Psalms 22. 25-31

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 Steven Kirk who joins us at St. John's this morning. 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Llandaff Diocese, today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations throughout the Anglican Communion. It is also the Easter season, when I hope we are all reinvigorated with the joy of the resurrection. Our thoughts inevitably turn towards Pentecost when the apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out and preach the good news of Jesus Christ. During this season it is therefore appropriate to turn our minds towards vocation. Not only vocation to the priesthood, but the vocation of all God's people.

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, 'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest' (Mt 9.38; Lk 10.2).

Within the Church, vocation may be experienced in all sorts of ways. There are those with a specific vocation towards prayer, or teaching, or outreach, or pastoral care within our communities. Those vocations are recognised as part of the call of all of us as Christians, and we should encourage one another in our several ministries.

While appreciating all such vocations, the Church concentrates its attention today on vocations to the ordained ministries, the priesthood and the diaconate, and to the religious life.

May I ask that we pray especially for those who will be ordained on 30th June in our Cathedral, to be ordained Deacon: Angela Cooper, Nick Gill and David Jones. To be ordained Priest: Peter Godsall, Rose Hill, Jude Peters and Charlotte Rushton. Pray also for their families, parishes and training incumbents and for the encouragement of new vocations to serve the church.

With my thanks and God's blessing on your community.



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