

WELCOME | CROESO@

The Parish of Treharris Trelewis Bedlinog & Llanfabon

On behalf the Church that meets here, may we take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome. If you're visiting or joining us for the first time, then it's really good to see you. Refreshments are usually available after the service, please do join us, and ask someone for directions. If you need any assistance, please do ask to speak to one of the wardens.

Father Gareth Coombes - Parish Priest Dr. Fiona Parsons - Parish Reader

TODAY

Services

9:00am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson
10.30am	Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias, Treharris
4:30pm	Holy Eucharist at St. Mabon's, Llanfabon

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Readings

Isaiah 55. 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13. 1-9

The Psalm | Psalm 63. 1-9

R/. My soul is a-thirst for you as in a dry and thirsty land.

The Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25th March 2019 (White)

+ THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

Tuesday 26th March 2019 (Purple)

Lenten feria

12:00pm Funeral: Howard Davies +RIP at Glyntaff Crematorium

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

7:00pm Diocesan Lenten Talk at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach

Wednesday 27th March 2019 (Purple)

Lenten feria

11:00am Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias', Treharris

11:30am Lenten Lunch at St. Matthias' Church Hall

Thursday 28th March 2019 (Purple)

Lenten feria

10:30am Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Nelson

11:00am Lenten lunch at St. John's Church Hall

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

Friday 29th March 2019 (Purple)

+ Woolos | King

Saturday 30th March 2019 (Purple)

Lenten feria

10:00am Open church, working parties & refreshments

St. Mabon's, Llanfabon

St. Mabon's, Llanfabon is open daily for prayer, reflection & contemplation

NEXT SUNDAY

Services for Sunday the 31st March 2019 (Purple)
+ The Fourth Sunday of Lent | Mothering Sunday

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

10.30am Holy Eucharist at St. Matthias | Treharris

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

The Readings

Exodus 2. 1-10; Colossians 3. 12-17; John 19. 24-27

Psalms 34. 1-6

NOTICES

DURING LENT AT ST MABON'S the 4:30pm service throughout Lent will be a shorter said Eucharist, so that those who are unable to attend the morning services will be able to receive Holy Communion through Lent. It is very disappointing to see that numbers have fallen away after so much enthusiasm was seen when services were withdrawn. #theholyseasonoflent

2019 LENTEN TALKS + June and the Archdeacons will deliver a series of talks exploring the 'Diocesan Vision' at 7:00pm on Tuesday evenings through Lent at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach; Bishop June is looking forward to seeing you there and we are all encouraged to attend. #wherfaithmatters #tellingajoyfulstory #growingthekingdomofgod #buildingourcapacityforgood

PARISH LENTEN LUNCHESES as part of our Lenten journey, why not join us after the midweek services this week for a soup lunch; donations to support the parish link with Compassion and the Child Survival Programme in Haiti.

GIVE A CHILD AN EGGSELLENT EASTER by bringing a chocolate egg to church before the 14th of April. Eggs will be given to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and Latch, the Welsh Children's Cancer Charity.

OPEN CHURCH & REFRESHMENTS | GRAVEYARD APPEAL 2019 St. Mabon's will be open this Saturday for refreshments to support this year's churchyard and cemetery appeals.

IS GOD CALLING YOU to be a churchwarden; to read or lead the prayers in church; to administer the chalice or visit the sick and housebound; to represent the parish on the deanery or diocesan conference?

THE REAL EASTER EGGS are available to order in each of the churches. They help celebrate the real meaning of Easter with a story-activity book included with every egg. They are FairTrade and reasonably priced at £4.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY | SECOND CHANCES

Jesus pulls no punches in today's Gospel. Don't hold up your hands in horror at the ways of the world, he says; get real and make a difference! We are not used to hearing such reminders, and yet they are needed more than ever in an age where people pass opinion and argue their views without even being present to show whether they are credible or not. Too many words, and not enough action. Jesus tells of the vineyard owner whose fig is not bearing fruit. He has no patience; and life will have no patience with us if we sit on our hands and do nothing while bemoaning what's happening around us. We can either talk, sit around and wait; or we can get up, do something about it and make a real difference today:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE PARISH is easier with Gift Direct; why not pick up a leaflet in church which tells you everything you need to know; alternatively have an informal chat with one of the wardens.

When gifting by cheque, the bank requires all cheques to be made payable to:

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FROM THE PARISH DIARY

26th March: Diocesan Lent Talk ii at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach

30th March: Open Church & Refreshments at St. Mabon's, Llanfabon

2nd April: Diocesan Lent Talk iii at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach

9th April: Diocesan Lent Talk iv at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach

10th April: Parish Annual Vestry Meeting

Holy Week & The Triduum 2019

14th April: + Palm Sunday

15th April: Holy Week Film: The Way at St. Matthias', Treharris

18th April: + Maundy Thursday

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