

# TOGETHER | TEULU@

The Parish of Treharris Trelewis Bedlinog & Llanfabon

WHERE FAITH MATTERS | LLE MAE FFYDD YN CYFRIF

On behalf of the parish family of churches, may I take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome to St John the Baptist and St Matthias. A special welcome if you're joining with us for the first time, either in-person or from at home, be assured that there are no strangers here; only friends who haven't yet met. It's really good to have you join with us today:

Father Gareth Coombes | Parish Priest

## TODAY

10:30am Parish Eucharist | St John the Baptist, Nelson

4:30pm Holy Eucharist | St Matthias, Treharris

Services are broadcast through the parish Facebook page

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Acts 4. 32-35; 1 John 1. 1 - 2. 2; John 20. 19-31

### The Psalm | 118

R/. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love is everlasting.

### The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Speak Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Feria

---

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Feria

---

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Feria

11:00am      The Office of Morning Prayer

---

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

S Padarn | Bishop

10:30am      The Office of Morning

---

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Feria

---

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Feria

# JOIN WITH US NEXT SUNDAY | BOOKING REQUIRED

Services for Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 | The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am Parish Eucharist at St Matthias, Treharris

4:30pm Holy Eucharist at St John the Baptist, Nelson

## NOTICES & INFORMATION

**NELSON RFC | COMMUNITY LUCKY 4's** No winners last week; winning numbers 12 13 22 24; to play today's draw contact Fr Gareth and play online via PayPal or Bank Transfer; £1 to play; just choose 4 numbers for a chance to win this week's prize fund which is sitting at £2,700 Helping to support the mission and ministry of St. John's Church, Nelson.

**TAFF BARGOED FOODBANK** thank you to all those who have donated items this past week. We are currently low on toiletries and basic cleaning products such as washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, jay-cloths, anti-bac spray, as well as the usual items which are always welcome. Items can be dropped off at St. John's Church Hall any morning Monday-Fridays between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

Alternatively, why not make a donation to support the work of Taff Bargoed Foodbank; supporting local people at a time of crisis.

If you, or someone you know needs help in these difficult times please do let us know by calling 01443 450 832.

## SERVICES IN CHURCH | BOOKING REQUIRED

We have cautiously resumed Sunday worship in church; advance booking by telephone is required to attend in person, and we ask that you follow the strict guidelines and procedures that remain in place. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend any services in church. Services will continue to be live-streamed through the parish Facebook page. For those not online, a recording of the service will be available as soon as possible and available by calling 01443 606 260. As always, if you need any support during this time, please do get in touch:

Fr Gareth | Parish Priest

To book a space for a service in church, please call 07866 465 822

# A REFLECTION FOR TODAY

In our Gospel reading today, the disciple Thomas wants to put his hands in the holes in the wounded body of Jesus. He needs to know that Jesus is really alive. If we had been near Jesus after the resurrection we might also have been surprised at what was going on. Thomas just says out loud the things the other disciples (and perhaps us) think but keep to themselves.

It was Thomas also who asked Jesus what on earth he was talking about when he said he was going to 'prepare a place for them.' We are fortunate that Thomas voices the questions which we all have and in so doing shows us that it is alright to have doubts and fears in our faith. Like Thomas we do not know what happens when we die, we are filled with questions. But thankfully this is a good thing, faith is like a muscle it grows by stretching. It is good for our faith to be stretched like Thomas and as it is we learn to understand that there many things which we just do not and never will understand.

We all have doubts, we might not always express them, but they are there, a normal part of living. So it is with our faith, there will be things which trouble and confuse us, or things which we simply cannot bring ourselves to accept or understand. What do we do when our doubts trouble us? In the Gospel reading today we learn of Thomas. He could not accept that Jesus had risen from the grave, and he could not even accept the witness of the disciples who told him that they had seen Jesus with their own eyes. Thomas struggled with the resurrection story, but it was not just Thomas, we are told others doubted as well, until they too had seen Jesus.

Thomas was lucky, soon he saw Jesus for himself, we are not so fortunate So what do we do about our doubts, we who believe but have not seen ? Perhaps the first things is to understand that everybody has doubts, the best things is to talk about them and use them to encourage ourselves to move on in our faith.

## CONTACT US

(t) 01443 410 280 | The Vicarage  
(e) [contact@parishofttbl.com](mailto:contact@parishofttbl.com)  
(w) [www.parishofttbl.com](http://www.parishofttbl.com)

