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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 Matthias and St John the Baptist. 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 Matthias, Treharris

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

Services are broadcast through the parish Facebook page

The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Readings

Acts 3. 12-19; 1 John 3. 1-7; Luke 24. 36-48

The Psalm | 4

R/. Lord let your face shine on us; shine on us, shine on us.

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 19th April 2021

Easter Feria

2:00pm Private Funeral: Brian Daniels +RIP

Tuesday 20th April 2021

S Beono; Religious

Wednesday 21st April 2021

S Anselm; Bishop & Doctor

11:00am The Office of Morning Prayer

Thursday 22nd April 2021

Easter Feria

10:30am The Office of Morning

12:30pm Private Funeral: Frank Thomas +RIP

Friday 23rd April 2021

S George; Martyr & Patron of England

Saturday 24th April 2021

Easter Feria

JOIN WITH US NEXT SUNDAY | BOOKING REQUIRED

Services for Sunday April 25th 2021 | The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

4:30pm Holy Eucharist at St Matthias, Treharris

NOTICES & INFORMATION

NELSON RFC | COMMUNITY LUCKY 4's No winners last week; winning numbers 1 3 17 23; 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 £3,000 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 online 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 or information, 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 | THEN HE OPENED THEIR EYES

The story of the appearance of Jesus to His friends in the locked room is full of details which affirm the reality of the event. Jesus invited them to touch Him, to prove that He wasn't a ghost or some sort of vision. Jesus with His typical practicality ate with His friends, as He had so often done. There is a lack of theatricality, of high drama about the event, which confirms for me that it really did happen exactly as the writer of the Gospels recounts. A writer, setting out to imagine the reappearance of a dead man, would have invented all kinds of spooky signs or high flown sayings. A writer would never have invented Jesus doing anything so mundane as eating a bit of fish! Jesus had come to His friends to reassure them that all that He had predicted had come to pass. It was His very physical presence among them that was the key which unlocked the true meaning of his earlier sayings. The things that Jesus had told them, about His death and Resurrection made sense to them and gave them a new light in which to see the whole of His teachings and ministry. Armed with this certain knowledge of His Resurrection, those few individuals would go out and change the world. Jesus' resurrection changes everything for us, as it did for the disciples. Without belief that Jesus died and rose for us, we would be very odd Christians indeed. Those who seek to argue away the Resurrection are missing profound truths about the fact that Jesus was willing to be human and die for us, and to come back to assure us of His triumph over death. When Jesus finally left His friends, He sent the animating power of the Holy Spirit, which jet-propelled these ordinary men and women to do extraordinarily brave things, inspired them to preach and teach and heal far beyond their normal capacities. So we too can be transformed by the knowledge of Jesus' undying love for us and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our lives can be turned around in ways that we have never dreamed possible. We have to pray for this wonderful power to enter our lives and trust in Jesus' loving, practical oversight to give it meaningful direction: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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