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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 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

R/. I will praise you Lord, I will praise you Lord;
in the assembly of your people, I will praise you Lord.

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 3rd May 2021
Henry Vaughan; Poet

Tuesday 4th May 2021
Easter Feria

Wednesday 5th May 2021
S Asaph; Bishop

11:00am The Office of Morning Prayer
3:00pm Private Funeral: Sheila Woolley +RIP

Thursday 6th May 2021
Easter Feria

10:30am The Office of Morning
1:00pm Private Funeral: Jade Evans +RIP

Friday 7th May 2021
Easter Feria

Saturday 8th May 2021
S Julian of Norwich; Religious

JOIN WITH US NEXT SUNDAY | BOOKING REQUIRED

Services for Sunday May 9th 2021 | The Sixth 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 2 8 12 20; 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 £3,500 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 | REMAIN IN MY LOVE

How do we remain close to Christ as he calls us to do today? How do we remain or stay in union with Him? This is a question which many people often ask? We are told that it is love which unites the believer to Christ, as a branch is grafted to the vine.

Jesus remained in God's love by keeping the commandments and if this is how Jesus remained close to God - then this is how we must also seek to draw close to God. This may all seem very mundane, but it is also reassuring. The love of God is continuous even when we feel that we are far from God. If we remain obedient then we will enjoy God's love, it is not subject to the thoughts of life. So it was that Paul would have known the love of God when he was shipwrecked, Peter when he was imprisoned, Stephen when he was stoned to death. They all had something which was capable of carrying them through not just the emotional up's and downs of life but facing death itself, so that their faith was not tossed to and fro like a leaf on a pond. They had a faith which was built upon the rock of their obedience to God.

Likewise, the difference between the wise man who built his house upon the rock and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand was obedience. Both men heard the word. This is not a parable about the believer and the unbeliever; both build houses. The difference is obedience. The wise man is obedient and so his faith works. The fool is not obedient. Our love is synonymous with obedience and if we are obedient, then we will begin to know the presence of God ever more deeply in our lives.

Surely is this not true of any human relationship? Is our love not shown in commitment irrespective of all else? Even when we think we feel more strongly for another we know that love does not follow such feelings. Instead we are obedient to the promise we have made and the commitment which has been promised:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Alelwia! Atogyfododd Crist.

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