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TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA | ARDAL WEINIDOGAETH TÂF RHYMNI

Saint Mabon | Saint John the Baptist | Saint Matthias

On behalf of the family of churches in the ministry area may I take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome. A special welcome if you're joining with us for the first time; or joining with us online. We are an inclusive community; whatever your faith, or none, it's really good to have you join with us today:

Fr Lindsay Ford | Associate Priest

### **TODAY**

4:00 pm

10:00 am The Parish Eucharist | St Mabon's, Llanfabon

Ministry Area Advent Praise | St Tyfaelog's, Pontlottyn

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **AMEN**

The Readings of the Day

Isaiah 2. 1-5; Romans 13. 11-14; Matthew 24. 36-44

The Psalm | Psalm 122

R/. I was glad when they said, 'let us go to the house of the Lord'.

The Gospel Acclamation and Responses

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** Speak, Lord for your ser | vant is listening. You have the words of e | ternal life. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** 

R/. Glory be to you, O Lord!

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Amen! We lift our hearts and voices to you; as we sing:

Amen! So shall it be, for ever Amen!

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: S Andrew; Patron of Scotland

1st December 2025

Tuesday: Saints, Martyrs & Missionaries of Asia

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

10:30 am Warm spaces at St John's, Nelson

Wednesday: S Francis Xavier; Missionary white

3rd December 2025

11:00 am Holy Eucharist at St Matthias, Treharris

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Thursday: Advent Feria purple

4th December 2025

10:00 am An advent reflection at St Matthias, Treharris

11:00 am The Funeral of Roy Farr +RIP at Chapel of Rest, Trelewis

6:30 pm Holy Eucharist at St Mabon's, Llanfabon

Friday: Advent Feria purple

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

11:00 am Warm spaces at St John's, Nelson

Saturday: S Nicholas; Bishop

6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

11:00 am Christmas Fayre & Grotto at St Matthias, Treharris

1:00 pm Christmas Bazaar & Grotto at St John's, Nelson

St Mabon's Church, Llanfabon is open every day between 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

All the churches within the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area are committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone; especially children, young people and vulnerable adults.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the local safeguarding representative or clergy:

You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer on 07301 041 937

### JOIN WITH US NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday the 7th of December 2025

(PURPLE)

+ The Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am The Parish Eucharist | St John's, Nelson, CF46 6HA

6:00 pm The Office: Evensong at Holy Trinity, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7DR

#### NOTICES AND INFORMATION

**COMMUNITY LUCKY 4's** if you would like to play this week's draw tickets are available at the back of the church. Thank you to all our regular players; supporting the mission and outreach projects hosted by St John's, Nelson.

**TAFF BARGOED FOODBANK** any donations of selection boxes or seasonal treats would be most welcome as we move closer to Christmas..

**CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND** the foodbank has been selected as one of the local charities for the next round of funding. Download the Co-op App, become a member, and choose the foodbank so that we can receive a share of £5m

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS** join Father Lindsay on Thursday as we journey through the Holy season of Advent. Everyone is most welcome, refreshments are available from 10:00 am. The talks are given separately, so don't worry if you missed last week's reflection.

**TREHARRIS MU CHRISTMAS APPEAL** to support the outreach to the homeless this winter. Donations of items most welcome; see Audrey or Vicky.

**LIGHT UP A LIFE @ CHRISTMAS** you may like to remember a loved ones this Christmas; lamps will be lit at a service in each church and remain lit over Christmas. A suggested donaton of £5 per lamp. Names to Pam or Vicky.

**GIVING TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THIS CHURCH** a collection plate may be passed around at each service; however, you may like to gift either by scanning the QR code on the back page; or by using your mobile phone and sending a text:

TEXT 2 GIVE: Text TTBL followed by a space, followed by the amount of your gift in numbers to 70085 to support the life of this church.

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: The Parish of Treharris Trelewis Bedlinog & Llanfabon

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 | + The Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | St John's, Nelson, CF46 6HA
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 | + The Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | St Matthias, Treharris, CF46 5RB
- Sunday 21st December 2025 | + The Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | St Mabon's, Llanfabon, CF46 6PG
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 | + The First Sunday of Christmas 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | St John's, Nelson, CF46 6HA
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 | + The Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | St Matthias, Treharris, CF46 5RB
- Sunday 11th January 2026 | + The Baptism of Christ 10:00 am | Parish Eucharist | St Mabon's, Llanfabon, CF46 6PG

#### TAFF BARGOED FOODBANK | NELSON & TREHARRIS

During October Taff Bargoed Foodbank responded to:

**54** 

(111 adults/children) requests from local people in crisis:

## 1,010.0 Kgs

of essential items have been distributed (food | toiletries)

'Working together to tackle food poverty, digital poverty, fuel poverty and period poverty' Taff Bargoed Foodbank - With your help we are making a real difference!

HOLY TRINITY, YSTRAD MYNACH : ST JOHN, NELSON : ST MABON, LLANFABON : ST CATWG, GELLIGAER ST MARGARET, GILFACH : ST GWLADYS, BARGOED : ST TYFAELOG, PONTLOTTYN : ST AIDEN, BUTE TOWN : SS MARY & ANDREW, FOCHRIW

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