

## News and Events

**Everyone at the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area,** would like to wish you a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* **Isaiah 9:6**

### Ministry Area Advent Praise

There will be an Advent Praise held at, St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn on 30<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 4.00pm.

*ALL are welcome!*

### St. Stephen's Day service.

There will be a St Stephen's Day service in Pentwyn on Boxing Day at 2.00pm. **All are Welcome!**

### Concert

Bargoed Male Voice Choir concert on 14<sup>th</sup> December, St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn at 7.00pm. Quest soloist, Gary Watkins and Jacqueline Pischorn. Tickets £5 available on the door. **All are welcome!**

### Y Cymun Bendigaidd / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 6ydd Rhagfyr 2025, Service 11.00am 6th December 2025  
Eglwys St.Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn.



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### Our Ministry Area comprises of the following districts:

**Ystrad Mynach** — Holy Trinity  
**Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson & Llanfabon** — St. John, St. Matthias, St. Mabon  
**Gelligaer & Gilfach** — St. Catwg, St. Margaret  
**Pontlottyn** — St. Tyfaelog, St. Aidan, St. Mary & St. Andrew  
**Bargoed, Deri & Brithdir** — St. Gwladys

### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So, all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ~ Luke 2:1-7



### Reflection for Christmas.

The message of Christmas reminds us of the enduring call to understanding, mutual respect, and reconciliation. Peace, love, and compassion invite us to live in harmony and reflect God's love for the world that sustains all creation. Christmas is a time for giving, not for taking. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill to see the best in all people and make them feel good May the warmth of Christmas fill your heart with joy and peace. Wishing you a Christmas filled with love, laughter, and happiness. May the spirit of Christmas bring you hope, joy, and prosperity. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

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## ***Advent & Christmas Services in the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area 2025***

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### **Ministry Area**

30<sup>th</sup> November, Ministry Area Advent Praise, St. Tyfaelog Church, 4.00pm.

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### **Pontlottyn**

6th December, Lantern making and procession to Salem Elim Church, 4.30pm.  
14th December, Carol Service, at 2.00pm St. Aidan's Church, Butetown.  
21st December, Nine Lessons & Carol Service, at 6.00pm, St. Tyfaelog's.  
24th December, First Eucharist of Christmas at 8.00pm, St. Tyfaelog's Church.  
25th December, Holy Eucharist, at 10.00am, St. Tyfaelog's Church.  
26th December, St. Stephen's Day, 2.00pm, St. Marys & St. Andrews Church, Pentwyn.

### **Bargoed**

21st December, Nine Lessons & Carols, 6.00pm, St. Gwladys Church.  
24th December, First Mass of Christmas, 10.00pm, St. Gwladys Church.  
25th December, Holy Eucharist, 10.00am, St. Gwladys Church.

### **Gelligaer & Gilfach**

14th December, Candles to Remember, at 3.00pm St. Catwg's Gelligaer.  
17th December, Candles to Remember, at 6.00pm St. Margaret's, Gilfach.  
21st December, Nine Lessons & Carols, at 6.00pm, St. Catwg's Gelligaer.  
24th December, Christmas Eucharist 'Early Midnight Mass', 7.00pm St. Catwg's.  
24th December, Christmas Eucharist, at 10.00pm, St. Margaret's Gilfach.  
25th December, Holy Eucharist at 9.00am St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach.  
25th December, Holy Eucharist at 10.00am St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer.

### **Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson & Llanfabon**

22nd December, Light up a Life, at 7.00pm, St. John's, Nelson.  
23rd December, Light up a Life, at 7.00pm St. Matthias, Treharris.  
24th December, Light up a Life, at 3.00pm, St. Mabon's, Llanfabon.  
24th December, First Mass of Christmas, at 7.00pm, St Matthias, Treharris.  
25th December, Holy Eucharist at 10.00am, St. John's, Nelson.

### **Holy Trinity Ystrad Mynach**

21st December, Nine Lessons & Carols at 6.00pm.  
24th December, Family Crib Service at 3.00pm.  
24th December, First Mass of Christmas at 10.00pm.  
25th December, Mass of Christmas Day at 9.30am.

