

## News and Events

### Mothers Union - Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach

**TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY at 2.00 PM in the CHURCH HALL**

We are delighted to welcome David Kitchen, Cardiff-based writer, teacher and broadcaster, as our speaker. David is an engaging and highly regarded communicator who will be speaking about his book:- **Easter Inside Out: The Story as if You Were There**. This promises to be a thoughtful and inspiring afternoon, offering an excellent preparation for Lent. **All in the Ministry Area are warmly invited** to come and listen to this engaging speaker. Books will be on sale. Refreshment will be served. If you are attending, please let Sue know numbers.

### MOTHERS' UNION CROSS OF NAILS.

Sponsorship welcomed for the ladies of a certain age undertaking the flight of angels at **ZipWorld** Hirwaun, Aberdare on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11am** all are welcome to come and support Sue Rivers and Lowrie Washington-Jones raise Funds for this worthy cause. of Peace and Reconciliation Healing and Justice.



Please sign up to support Taff Rhymney Ministry Area on #easyfundraising today! It's completely free and would make a big difference to our 2026 fundraising. Once you've signed up you can raise free donations for us when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers.

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Gaynor Middleton

### Y Cymun Bendigaïd / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 7fed Mawrth 2026, Service 11.00am 7th March 2026  
Eglwys St. Matthias' Church, Treharris.

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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

### Saints and Holy Days - THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Candlemas)

A feast of our Lord celebrated on Feb. 2, also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after Jesus' birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (Lv 12:2-8).

Jesus' presentation in the Temple reflects how he fulfils the Old Covenant. According to Old Testament law, a sacrifice had to be offered in the Temple when a child was consecrated to the Lord.



### Reflection for February.

#### The Presentation of the Christ also known as Candlemas:

Looking at the Lord Jesus Christ, we see the Light that illuminates and breaks the darkness. On February 2nd we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Christ, popularly called Candlemas. It is at this Service that candles are blessed and the Lord's blessings are beseeched upon the candles used in Holy Mass and upon the eyes of our soul.

The light from the lit candle breaks the darkness of the space where it burns, so too, in a more powerful way, the light of Christ break the darkness of the world.

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