



Autumn Fayre

The district of Gelligaer Autumn Fayre takes place on the 25th of October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.
All are welcome!!

Old Time Music Hall with cheese and wine.

Saturday, October 25th at 3.00 pm at St. Tyfaelog Church Hall. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from Gaynor Middleton either by emailing at, gaynormiddleton@googlemail.com or calling: 07789960210
All are welcome!!



Bible verse October 04, 2025: Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Reflection: Even difficult circumstances can become instruments of good in God's hands. This doesn't minimize pain, but assures us that nothing is wasted in God's economy of grace.

Prayer: Father, help me see Your good purposes even in hard times. Work all things together for my good and Your glory. Strengthen my faith in Your perfect plan. **Amen**

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MINISTRY AREA

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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

4th October - Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi (born 1181/82, Assisi, duchy of Spoleto — died October 3, 1226, Assisi; canonized July 16, 1228; feast day October 4) was the founder of the Franciscan religious orders of the Friars Minor (Ordo Fratrum Minorum), the women's Order of St. Clare (the Poor Clares; with St. Clare of Assisi), and the lay Third Order. He was also a leader of the movement of evangelical poverty in the early 13th century. His evangelical zeal, consecration to poverty, charity, and personal charisma drew thousands of followers. Francis's devotion to the human Jesus and his desire to follow Jesus' example reflected and reinforced important developments in medieval spirituality.



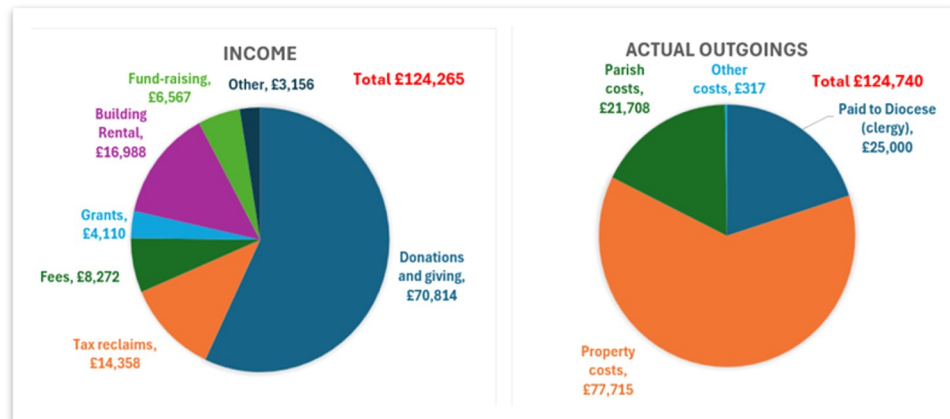
Reflection for October.

A Bible reflection for October can focus on thankfulness, as urged by St. Paul to be thankful for the gift of life and for God's provision. Another theme is hope in the face of tribulation, as Jesus promised peace in John 16:33, and the Apostle Paul speaks of rejoicing in hope and being patient in suffering. October also marks a time of new beginnings, whether it's, a change in routines, or the turning over of a new leaf. The biblical theme of "new beginnings" reminds us that God is always working to create something new and fresh in our lives.

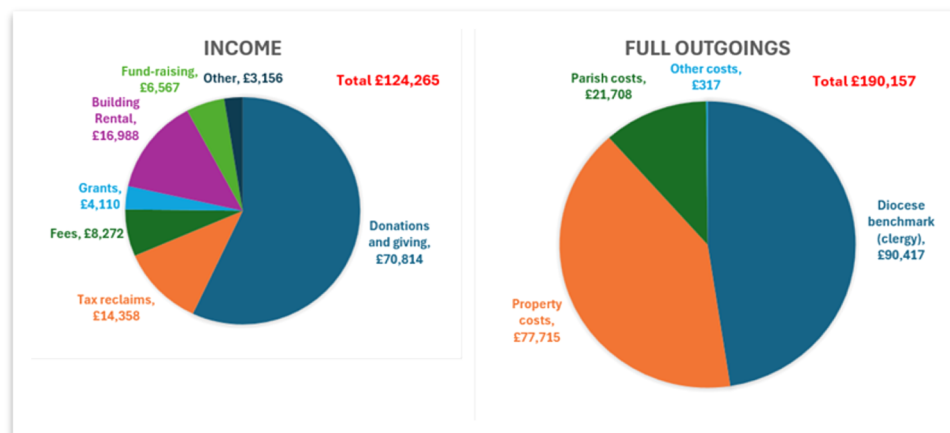
Church Finances

As most of you will know, we have been finding it difficult to cover our costs.

To help in understanding this, the following shows our costs and income for January to July this year:



The numbers balance out, but this was only because we have not been meeting our Common Fund Pledge to the Diocese, previously called the Fairer Share. (This is the money that the Diocese use to pay the clergy.)



We have been using our reserves to cover our costs for a few years, but these are now too low.

So, we need to take some action.

We have started by doing the following:

Asked the Diocese for help. They are providing a book-keeping and accounting service and have sourced a temporary Lead Treasurer.

Set up a Finance Sub-Committee to focus on balancing the books.

We are looking at different sources of income, starting with making sure that we are claiming all the tax refunds that we are due.

Simplify our banking. We have many accounts which are not needed.

Discussing the situation with the Diocese, explaining that we cannot currently meet our pledge, but will work towards it as fast as we are able.

We will keep you up to date on our finances, as we are all in this together. There are a few things that you can do to help:

Sign up to Gift Direct, if you have not already.

Review your level of giving. How much you give is between you and God and will depend on your circumstances and dependants, but giving is a spiritual discipline and many people attest to how being generous brings joy. Make it your first commitment, but do not over-commit.

Get involved in fund-raising.

If you would like to discuss this, do contact us, the clergy, or church committee.

Every blessing

Fr Peter Watson (Acting Ministry Area Lead Treasurer)
and the Finance Sub-Committee