

News and Events

Y Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

*** Awst/August Dim Gwasanaeth/No Service ***



Gwasanaeth 11.00am 5th Mis Medi 2026, /
Service 11.00am 5th September 2026,
at St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer.

Bell ringers of St. Sannan's Church.

'Its looking extremely positive that the bell ringers of St. Sannan's Church, Bedwellty, will ring on 9th August for 'Mary Sumner Day'. As it's our 150 years Anniversary. We are planning to ring at 1.50pm probably for around 20 mins at least.

The church will be open if anyone wants to visit or listen to us as we ring'
I know it's across the valley, but we can hear it in our Ministry Area.
Emmy Gummett-Preece

BRINGING FAITH TO YOUR INBOX

Just a reminder that you can sign up to Llandaff Matters and receive inspirational stories of faith in action from across the diocese. Use the following link: <https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/> then sign up to the mailing list, found halfway down the page.



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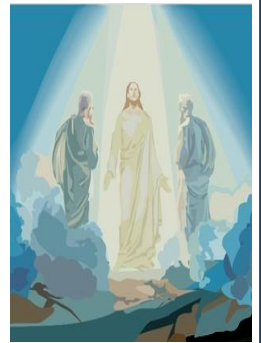
Our Ministry Area comprises of the following Communities:

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

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

On the 6th of August, as Christian we will commemorate the occasion upon which Jesus Christ took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on a mountain, here Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus as transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzlingly bright (Mark 9:2–13; Matthew 17:1–13; Luke 9:28–36).

The festival celebrates the revelation of the eternal glory of the Second Person of the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor.



The month of August.

August is a time of spiritual transition, harvest, and focus on divine glory, highlighted by major feasts like the Transfiguration and the Assumption

Ways to Reflect This Month

Seek Simplicity: Slow down during the final weeks of summer to appreciate creation and God's daily gifts.

Practice Hope: Look toward heavenly things with an open and trusting heart, imitating the virtues of humility and faith.

Deepen Prayer: Spend quiet time in meditation, letting go of daily noise and distractions.

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Dear friends, as I write this I'm sat in St Gwladys- just before our Sunday Eucharist and I'm listening to the sounds of church that can so easily become background.

Little Samuel and Raphael making the noises of young ones. Our own beloved Jeff practicing his guitar, Ian readying the church and I realise something.

That these sounds can so easily become background, they can be something we take for granted.

For 6 years it's been my privilege to live and work in this MA. Firstly, as an ordinand under Fr Gary's guidance and being nurtured by the congregations at Gilfach and Gelligaer.

Then as Deacon and those first, tentative steps into priesthood in St Tyfaelog's and St Gwladys's.

Eventually, these would grow and the whole MA would teach me various lessons and in their own way.

No two days were the same and every lesson was worth learning. The joyous and the painful. But one thing never changed. That sound, a church preparing to worship.

As I sit now listening to the voices get louder as more arrive, the sound of a church preparing to worship is a hymn all its own.

As I go on now to Risca, Ynysddu and Pontymister. I will take the lessons, the legacy that Taff Rhymney has given me. I will hear that hymn of preparation again.

The context will be different, but I will hear it all the better for having heard it here, with each of you.

And so my friends, if I could sum up the last 6 years I would say this- today's Gospel talks about doing small acts of service for the disciples of Christ. Matthew 10. 40-42. Remember those words, that no act of service is ever trivial, small yes they can be. But never trivial.

There will be other ordinands, there will be other curates, granted none as good looking as me! But I could think of no better place for them to be, to learn and to grow.

Keep those acts of service woven into everyday life my friends. Keep your ears open for those moments of preparation it's a rhythm of faith that is beautiful in itself.

A part of the wider symphony of life, now.
As the song says- the show must go on!
God bless you my friends, don't be strangers.

Fr. Darren

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MARY SUMNER DAY

On Sunday 9th August, we celebrate Mary Sumner Day, the founder of Mothers' Union and this year it is extra special as we celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union.

We hope that this day will be marked in our services throughout the Ministry Area. Mothers' Union members throughout the Province of Wales will be praying this prayer and lighting a candle at 6pm on this day.

Empowering Lord,
we thank you for the light of Mothers' Union
shining through the past 150 years —
for friendship shared, families
strengthened, and faith lived out in love.
Bind us together in unity with Christ,
so that our strength may grow and our light
shine ever further.
Bless our homes with your peace and fill
our hearts with your hope.
Help us to be faithful in the small things —
the quiet kindness, the gentle word, the
helping hand —
stronger together in fellowship and joyful in
your service
Amen



Sue Rivers