

News and Events

Y Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 4ydd Gorffennal 2026, Service 11.00am 4th July 2026
at Llanfabon Church, Nelson.

You are warmly invited to our Annual Vestry Meeting, taking place on Sunday 7th June at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, followed by Evensong. This is an important and exciting opportunity to come together as a Ministry Area community, reflect on our shared journey, and play an active role in shaping our future. We are currently seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to take part in several key roles:

- **Ministry Area Council Representatives**

Each District is asked to nominate two representatives to serve on the Ministry Area Council. Elections will take place at District level, with successful candidates confirmed at the Vestry Meeting. This is a 3-year term (candidates must be over 18).

- **Ministry Area People's Warden**

Nominations and voting will take place during the meeting (candidates must be under 75).

- **Ministry Area Treasurer**

We are looking for someone willing to serve in this vital and valued role.

- **District Sub-Wardens**

These appointments will be formally ratified at the Vestry Meeting.

- **Deanery & Diocesan Conference Representatives**

Nominations will also be decided during the meeting.

Nomination forms for all positions will be available in your church. This is a particularly inspiring time for our Ministry Area as we welcome Revd Rajiv Sidhu as our Ministry Area Leader. Your voice, gifts, and participation truly matter as we move forward together. Please prayerfully consider standing for one of these roles and becoming part of this exciting new chapter. We would love to see you there!

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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

Thanksgiving for Holy Communion. (Corpus Christi)

What Is the Feast of Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi is the feast, which is also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a Catholic celebration of the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is a sacred reminder that, in every Eucharist, Jesus' one sacrifice of Calvary is sacramentally made present and offered anew for "the forgiveness of the sins" The feast was instituted in 1264 by Pope Urban IV. It was heavily inspired by the Eucharistic visions of a 13th-century Belgian nun, St. Juliana of Liège. The original liturgy for the feast was penned by the famous theologian St. Thomas Aquina.



The month of June.

This month marks the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and contains the summer solstice, which is the day with the most daylight hours.

Mid-Year Check-In: Look back at your intentions set in January. What habits are serving you well? Which goals need adjusting?

Embrace the Season: As days grow longer, consider how you can incorporate more joy, outdoor time, and relaxation into your routine.

Cultivating Gratitude: Take stock of the growth and positive developments in your personal and professional life over the last six months.

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From the Vicarage, Holy Trinity

My friends in Christ,

June has arrived, and hopefully with some wonderfully long, light-filled days that will lift our spirits. The garden is beginning to burst with colour, the air feels warmer, and there's a gentle hum of life all around us. It's as though creation itself is preaching a quiet sermon — one of growth, renewal, and hope. Every flower that opens, every bird that sings, every sunrise that paints the sky is a reminder that God is constantly at work, bringing new life into the world and into our hearts. This time often feels busy — school terms are winding down, fundraising events and fayres are in full swing, and many of us are making plans for holidays or family get-togethers. It's a time full of joy, but for some of us it can also be a little overwhelming. In the middle of all the activity, remember to pause now and then, to take a deep breath, and to notice the small blessings that God places in our path each day. It may be the warmth of the sun on our face, the sound of children playing, a conversation with a friend we've not seen in a while, or the quiet peace of sitting in the garden with a cup of Glengettie and a Jaffa Cake. These moments may seem ordinary, but they're often the places where God's love is most clearly felt. In John's Gospel, Jesus said: I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. That fullness isn't about having more or ticking off another achievement — it's about living with hearts open to God and to one another. It's about finding joy in serving, peace in prayer, and hope in the promises of Christ. As a ministry area family, this is a wonderful time to deepen our connections. Maybe that means popping along to a summer event, inviting someone to a service, or simply making time to listen to someone who needs a friendly ear. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, is a way of reflecting the light of Christ in the world. And let's not forget to care for ourselves, too. Rest is not a luxury — it's a gift from God. Even Jesus took time away from the crowds to pray and be refreshed. So, whether you're travelling, staying home, or simply enjoying the slower pace of summer evenings, May this summer bring you joy that runs deep, peace that lasts, and a renewed sense of God's presence in your life. With every blessing +

Fr Gareth & Guide-Dog Hywel

St. Tyfaelog's Church - Family Fun Day

On June 20th, 10.00am till 2.00pm we are holding a summer craft fair and family fun day . Variety of craft stalls , visit the Alpacas , children's games and coffee and cakes . Entrance to the event will be free. Please come along and enjoy the day

All are welcome.