

## News and Events

### NEW MINISTRY AREA LEADER

The Licencing of the Revd Rajiv Sidhu as our new Ministry Area Leader and the Licencing of Revd Gary Powell as Area Dean of the Deanery of Eglwysilan will take place at 4.00pm on Sunday 15th March 2026 in Llandaff Cathedral. There will be a warm welcome to all who can join us to welcome our new Ministry Area Leader and new Area Dean.

### *Y Cymun Bendigaidd / Welsh Eucharist*

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



Mothers' Union will be featured on Songs of Praise on Sunday 15th March, highlighting 150 years of service. (I was interviewed as part of the filming)

Sue Rivers and Lowrie Washington-Jones would like to send a massive thank you to all in the Ministry Area who sponsored their Mothers' Union zip line challenge. Nearly £2k has been raised through their generosity.

**Sue Rivers**



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**Gaynor Middleton**

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Fr Ashley Hunt	01495 228445	Mrs Angela Treherne.	07925 817464 (Peoples Warden)

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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 -

### 25<sup>th</sup> March - The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Annunciation (March 25th) commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, marking the Incarnation. According to Luke 1:26-38, this event occurred in Nazareth, where Mary accepted God's will with her "fiat," or "Let it be to me according to your word". It celebrates the moment the "Word became Flesh," emphasizing both the divinity of Jesus and Mary's role as Theotokos (Mother of God). Gabriel greeted Mary as "highly favoured" and declared that she would bear a son named Jesus, who would reign forever.



### Reflection for March

'See the winter is past; the rains are over and gone; flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come.' ( from the Song of Solomon). We are blessed that our Lenten preparation before Easter coincides, in our hemisphere, with the Season of Spring, and that (Easter-ly) anticipation of new life! But another aspect of that strange biblical book might also be relevant to us over Lent - the persistent call to 'Come away' from other distractions, to spend time with the Beloved, seeking and enjoying His presence and love in our quieter times of prayer, readings and devotions.

**Jeff Hankins**

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