

News and Events



' Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

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

Confirmation Dates

Fresh off the press! **Bishop Mary** will be leading the Taff Rhymney **Ministry Area Service of Baptism and Confirmation** which will be at **11:15 on Sunday 11th February 2027**. We'll be joining together as a **Ministry Area** for this Sunday service, hosted **St Gwladys Church, Bargoed**, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Please speak to a member of the Clergy Team if you want to find out more about Baptism and Confirmation, and our preparation for these very special events.

Forest Church...

We're gathering a group of people who are interested in being part of Forest Church, as a new expression of Church for young people. Please email **RajivSidhu@CINW.org.uk** if you'd like to be kept up to date of what, and when things are happening. Thank you to all for your energy and enthusiasm! Please do pray for us, as we discern how God is calling us to reach out to our local communities in this season.

Fr. Rajiv.

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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

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a major Christian feast day celebrated on September 8. It honours the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. This event is not written in the Bible, but it comes from early Christian tradition, and the second-century text called the Protoevangelium of James. The earliest known account of Mary's birth is found in the Gospel of James (5:2), an apocryphal text from the late second century, with her parents known as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.



The month of September.

September is the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It has 30 days and sits between August and October. Its name comes from *Septem*, the Latin word for "seven," because it was the seventh month in the early Roman calendar before January and February were added.

- **Northern Hemisphere:** September is the first month of autumn. Weather cools down. Leaves change colour and fall.
- **Southern Hemisphere:** September is the first month of spring. Flowers bloom and weather warms up.
- **Equinox:** The autumn or spring equinox happens around September 22 or 23. Day and night are equal lengths.
- **Birth Flowers:** Aster and morning glory.
- **Zodiac Signs:** Virgo (until about September 22) and Libra (starting September 23)

REFLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER

People often comment that as we grow older time passes ever more quickly. Well, this year seems to be passing as quickly as ever. It is hard to believe that we have arrived in September already. September seems to mark a change of gear, children return to school and our attention is drawn forward to the autumn and, dare I say it, Christmas begins to appear on the horizon.

It is a great comfort to us that as we travel through the year and as we travel through our lives, we do so with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at our side. In his own life Jesus has led the way and opened for us the path we are to follow. He faced betrayal and death on the cross before coming to the glory of the resurrection and taking his eternal throne in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is invaluable to us that as we face our own trials and tribulations, we do so with Jesus at our side, strengthening us and encouraging us.

With Jesus at our side nothing can overcome us and we too can look forward to sharing in the glory of his resurrection in the eternity of heaven. What wonderful news that is! News, that we are called to share with those among whom we live. News to give hope, a hope that will never disappoint.

Fr Gary.

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Few things for September :

1. The Taff Bargoed Foodbank is one of the charities up for a Tesco community grant. If anyone shops in Tesco, could they collect the blue tokens from the cashier and pass them onto Nelson or Treharris they would be very grateful. is running up to November.
2. From September, in response to pastoral needs of both clergy and congregations, and to continue to provide the fullest opportunity for Eucharistic worship at Holy Trinity and the wider Ministry Area, it has become necessary to move the Wednesday morning service at Holy Trinity to a Thursday at 10:30 am. .
3. As the Church moves closer to giving thanks for the harvest, if any local schools or churches would like to support Taff Bargoed foodbank with collecting any items any tins, packets and long-life items would be helpful. If you would like them to collect any items from harvest services or assemblies, please call 01443 450 832
4. Fr Darren's licensing at Islwyn Ministry Area, His Licencing is due to take place on 2nd September. Please look out for more details as we receive them.

Fr. Gareth.

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