



TOGETHER

Your monthly guide to worship, community and care



Eclipse Watching Party St Sannans

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From Rev Matt

As summer draws to a close, I want to begin with a simple and heartfelt thank you. There has been so much life across our five churches, and every part of it has been made possible by people giving what they can.

A summer to celebrate. The Mynydd Bedwellte Big Gathering brought us together as one family. More than 500 people came to the Eclipse Watch at St Sannan's. Medieval Day helped us share our history and welcome the community. Ask a Vicar Anything made room for honest questions and good conversation.

Alongside those big moments, there has been faithful life week by week: Sunday and midweek worship; baptisms, weddings and funerals; Easter and other seasonal services; visits to schools and older people's homes; concerts, afternoon teas, coffee mornings, fairs, raffles, bingo, bell ringing, craft events and fundraising.

Throughout the year, Tower Tots, Mini Marvels, St David's Den, TredegART, lunch clubs, Crafting Kindness, Craft and Chat, Saints, Mothers' Union, and St David's Space for Nature have helped people meet, belong, create, pray and receive support.

Each of these things happens because someone unlocks a door, sets out chairs, makes tea, welcomes a child, prepares worship, cleans, keeps accounts, tends a churchyard, rings a bell, shares publicity, visits someone, bakes, gives, prays or simply notices the person who is new. Whether your contribution is public or almost unseen, thank you. It matters.

Creationtide and our gifts

September is Creationtide, a season when we give thanks for the beauty of the world God has entrusted to us and for every good gift we receive. Those gifts include our buildings and churchyards, but also our time, skills, imagination, faith, generosity and one another. Everything we have celebrated has grown from gifts shared.

This month Ralph and I will be speaking around the Ministry Area about giving. This is not about asking those already carrying too much to do even more. It is an invitation to anyone who may have been waiting to be asked: now may be your time. Perhaps you can offer one hour, one skill, one idea or a regular financial gift. No contribution is too small when offered with love.

Finances are the harder part of the conversation, but they matter. Worship, mission, pastoral care and our buildings all cost money. Over the coming weeks we will explain the different ways to give. Please listen, pray and consider what God may be calling you to offer.

GOD BLESS Revd Matt Davis
Ministry Area Leader

Giving that keeps the Church alive

A simple guide to our 2025 accounts and what they ask of us

£180,236 TOTAL INCOME

£190,253 TOTAL SPENT

£10,018 SHORTFALL

The accounts were independently examined with no material concerns. They show a £10,018 shortfall before investment gains because regular costs were greater than regular income.

At year end, £229,075 of our £383,140 in funds was restricted to named purposes. The total rose with £18,835 of investment gains. Income included a £35,156 asset sale and a £14,995 insurance claim, so not all of 2025's income is repeatable.

Where the money went

Parish Share, £66,953. This supports shared ministry, including clergy and the wider life of the Church.

Buildings and property, £91,777. This includes £64,157 for our churches and £27,620 for other property.

General parish expenses, £16,726. These are the ordinary costs that allow worship and community life to happen.

Where we need to improve

Planned giving was £28,791, down £6,907 from 2024.

Loose collections rose to £19,132, and fundraising brought in £38,634. We are deeply grateful, but volunteer-led events cannot carry the whole gap. Predictable giving allows us to plan safely.

A gentle invitation. Times are hard. Not everyone can give money, and there is no shame in that. Some may be able to begin; others may review an amount set years ago. Please decide prayerfully and within your means. God loves a cheerful giver.

Ways to give

Gift Direct by Direct Debit, our preferred method. Choose the amount and frequency, Remain in control and add Gift Aid if eligible. Regular monthly payments help us plan.

Standing order. Give regularly through your bank to the church or Ministry Area.

At worship. Use the plate, a regular envelope or contactless giving where available. Ask about Gift Aid.

One-off gifts and fundraising. Give by bank transfer or cheque, support an appeal or help run a fundraiser.

A legacy. A gift in your will can sustain worship and mission for another generation.

Speak to Matt, Ralph, a churchwarden or your Gift Aid contact. During September we will help with forms and questions. For Gift Direct, visit churchinwales.org.uk and search for 'Gift Direct'.

YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Giving is wider than money. The life of our churches is built from hundreds of ordinary acts of love. No one is expected to do everything, and we do not want those already working hard to carry more. We want to share responsibility, notice the gifts already among us and make space for new people to take part.

You may be the person who has been waiting to be asked. You do not need to know exactly what role you want. Simply say, 'I may have something to offer,' and we can talk it through together.

Where could your gift fit?

Worship and prayer: reading, intercessions, serving, music, bell ringing, flowers, sound, screens or livestreaming.

Welcome and hospitality: greeting people, making tea, baking or cooking, setting up, clearing away, or offering transport.

Children, families and schools: helping with Tower Tots, Mini Marvels, St David's Den, TredegART, family activities or school links. Training and safeguarding support are provided.

Pastoral and community care: a phone call, a visit, bereavement support, lunch clubs, services for older people or simply noticing who may need company.

Buildings and creation care: cleaning, gardening, churchyards, small practical jobs, maintenance planning, or Space for Nature.

Communication and creativity: photography, design, social media, video, the website, noticeboards, writing or helping us tell good stories.

Organisation and leadership: rotas, minutes, accounts, grant applications, data, church councils, the Ministry Area Council, wardenship or safeguarding.

Events, fundraising and fresh ideas: help with one event, suggest a new group, lead a fundraiser or build a partnership in the community.

Start with one thing

You might offer one hour a month, one event, one season, one skill when it is needed, or a regular task shared with somebody else. If you have ever thought, 'Someone should do something about that,' tell us. You may have the beginning of an idea that we can grow together.

In some of our communities, the church is one of the last visible Christian presences. If we want these places to remain alive, open, safe and serving, we need to focus together on where God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do.

Lord, thank you for what you have given me. Show me where it may become a gift to others. Amen.

Weekly activities

Regular groups and worship across the ministry area.

MONDAY

Tower Tots

St George's • 9.30–11am

Ages 0–4 • play, snacks, songs and stories

£1 per family

Mini Marvels

St Dingat's, New Tredegar •

10.30am–12pm

Fun and sharing for babies, toddlers and carers, with informal advocacy if needed.

TUESDAY

No regular activity listed. Speak to us if you would like to start one.

WEDNESDAY

Midweek Eucharist

St George's, Tredegar • 10am

St Dingat's, New Tredegar • 11am

Lunch Club

St Dingat's • 12pm

Soup, pudding, tea and coffee with good company

Suggested donation: £2

All Sorts

ST Georges WEDNESDAYS

6-7:30PM

AGES 6-11

£2.50 ENTRY

THURSDAY

Midweek Eucharist

St David's, Rhymney • 10am

St David's Café Corner

St David's • 10.45am

Conversation and hot drinks • donations welcome

St David's Den

St David's • from 3.30pm

Family church with stories, music, food, crafts and games

Craft and Chat at St Sannan's

1pm to 3pm for crafts, conversation and refreshments. Bring your own project

Bingo Night

St David's • 6pm

A social evening of fun and friendly competition

TredegarART Kids Club

St George's • 6–7.15pm

Creative fun for ages 6–10 • £3 per child

Crafting Kindness Café

St George's • 7.30–9pm

Wool crafts and kindness • refreshments available to buy

FRIDAY

Morning Prayer

St Dingat's • 9.30am

Across our churches

Up Coming:

Pet Blessing

3pm Sunday 27th September St Georges
All welcome with Pets too!

Bake Sale

Saturday October 3rd, 12 until 2pm in St Davids Church.

Afternoon Tea

Sept 29th 3pm at St George

Once a month

Bingo Night at St George's

Join us on the first Friday of each month at St George's Church, Tredegar. Doors open at 6pm, with eyes down at 6.30pm. The hall is fully accessible and a bar is available. Please note that this is a cash-only event.

Soup 'n' Pud.

First Tuesday in the month. Next one is on Tuesday October 6th, 12 until 2pm in St Davids Church. £5 will include choice of soup, roll, dessert and tea/coffee.

JOIN US AT



WE MEET

EVERY FRIDAY

AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AT 5:30PM

OUR SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

4TH LITTER PICK

11TH COMMUNITY MEAL

18TH "DOGGY PRAYER WALK"

25TH BIBLE STUDY

**WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AT ANY OR ALL OF
THESE ACTIVITIES THAT INTEREST YOU!**

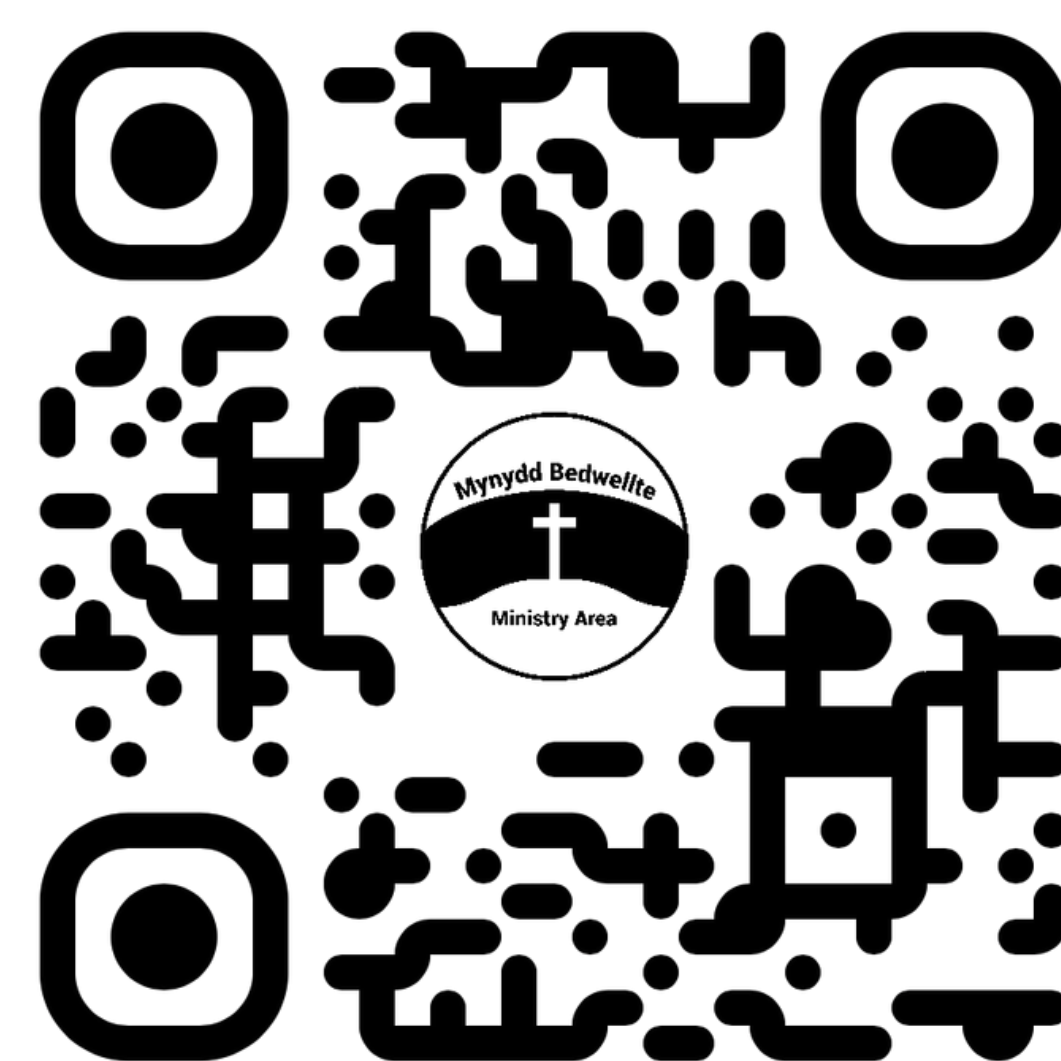


Come as you are. You are welcome.

Sunday worship, friendship and practical care across five churches in the Rhymney and Sirhowy valleys.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St David's Rhymney • 10.30am
St Dingat's New Tredegar • 10.30am
St George's Tredegar • 10am
St Sannan's Bedwellty • 11am
St Paul's Abertysswg • 9.30am



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