



TOGETHER

Your monthly guide to worship, community and care



Harvest

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FIVE CHURCHES • ONE MINISTRY AREA • EVERYONE WELCOME

From Rev Matt

A few mornings ago, I woke up and looked out of the window as the sun was beginning to come up. The mornings are getting darker now, and there was something about seeing the light beginning to break through that made me stop for a moment. I just thought, I'm really glad to be here.

Not because everything is perfect. It isn't. There are always things to worry about, things that need sorting, and days when life feels far too busy. But in that moment I found myself thankful. Thankful for my family, for the people around me, for the communities I get to be part of, and for the privilege of doing what I do.

Sometimes we need those moments that make us stop and notice what is already around us.

We often think about Harvest as bringing tins and packets into church, singing familiar hymns and decorating the building. Those things are important, but underneath them is something much simpler. Harvest says: look at what we have received and give thanks.

The Bible talks constantly about thanksgiving. The Psalms tell us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever." (Psalm 107:1). Jesus gives thanks before sharing bread. Again and again God's people are encouraged to remember what they have received.

Being thankful doesn't mean pretending that everything is wonderful. Christianity has never promised us a life where nothing goes wrong. Thanksgiving is about learning to notice the good alongside everything else. It might be the people we love, food on the table, somewhere to call home, somebody who makes us laugh, the beauty of creation, or simply the sun coming up on another morning.

And there is something else about thanksgiving. It should make us generous. If I begin to recognise how much I have received, I should also begin to think about what I can give.

That is why Harvest has always been connected with sharing with those who have less. Our thanksgiving becomes generosity. We give because we have received.

So this Harvest, perhaps take a moment to stop.

What are you thankful for?

And then perhaps ask the next question:

How can I share some of what I have received?

Giving Thanks for Those Who Have Gone Before Us

As we move from Harvest towards All Saints and All Souls, our thanksgiving changes slightly.

We begin to think not only about what we have received, but about the people we have received into our lives.

At All Saints, we remember those who have gone before us in faith. Not just the famous saints whose names we know, but ordinary people who prayed, served, loved others and quietly lived out their faith.

Our churches and communities are full of their stories. People who gave their time, cared for their neighbours, taught others about Jesus, welcomed people through the doors and kept going through good times and difficult ones.

We are here because others went before us.

At All Souls, that remembering becomes much more personal. We remember those whom we love but see no longer. A husband or wife, parent, grandparent, child, friend, or simply somebody who made a difference to our lives.

There is sadness in remembering, and Christianity doesn't ask us to pretend otherwise. When Jesus' friend Lazarus died, we are simply told, "Jesus wept." (John 11:35). Jesus knew the hope of resurrection, but he still grieved.

We grieve because people mattered to us. We miss them because we loved them. But alongside that grief there can also be thanksgiving.

Thank you for their life. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for what they taught us. Thank you for the laughter. Thank you that we had the privilege of knowing and loving them.

And at the heart of our remembering is hope. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25). Our Christian hope isn't that death doesn't matter. It is that death does not have the final word.

So this All Saints and All Souls, take some time to remember. Tell their stories. Say their names. Light a candle. Give thanks for those who helped shape who you are today.

And as we remember those we love and miss, give thanks to God for the gift of having known them.

Where The Harvest Gifts Have Gone

At Harvest, we give thanks to God for the food we enjoy and the people whose work brings it to our tables. We also have an opportunity to share with neighbours who are facing difficult circumstances. This year, our Harvest donations will support Rhymney Valley Foodbank, while St George's Church in Tredegar will be supporting Cyfannol Women's Aid.

Rhymney Valley Foodbank

Rhymney Valley Foodbank helps individuals and families in the Upper Rhymney Valley who are struggling to afford food and other essentials. It provides emergency parcels containing three days' food and essential supplies, through a voucher referral system. Low incomes, debt and delays or changes to benefits are among the reasons people turn to the Foodbank.

Its work also includes helping people access support with debt, budgeting and household energy, and directing them to other organisations that can assist. It operates through hubs in Rhymney, New Tredegar and Aberbargoed, so our giving supports work close to home.

The Foodbank welcomes food and financial donations. Our Harvest gifts will help it continue providing practical support when household budgets cannot stretch far enough.

Cyfannol

St George's Harvest giving will support Cyfannol Women's Aid, a charity working across Gwent, including Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly. It offers specialist support to people affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence, with a particular focus on women and children.

Cyfannol means "holistic" in Welsh. This describes its approach of supporting the whole person and recognising how abuse affects different parts of someone's life. Its services include confidential crisis support, refuge and supported accommodation, counselling, help within the community, and support for children and young people.

The charity listens without judgement and helps people make their own choices about their future. People do not have to have reported abuse to the police before asking for support. Our donations will contribute to its work helping people find safety and rebuild their lives.

Giving at Harvest

Please give what you are able. As we celebrate Harvest, we pray for those who need these services, and for the staff and volunteers who support them. Sharing what we have received is one way we put our love for our neighbours into practice. Thank you for your generosity.

Find out more at rhymneyvalley.foodbank.org.uk and cyfannol.org.uk

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 Club

St Georges 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

Tower Tots Play Cafe

St George's 9:30am

F@S Evening Prayer

St George's 5:30pm

Across our churches

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.

Mothers Union

St Goerge's Tredegar 2pm 3rd Monday of the Month all welcome. This month is the 19th Oct 2026

All Souls: Sunday 1 November

Our services in all the churches of Mynydd Bedwellte Ministry Area will be a time to remember those we love who have died.

Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are warmly invited to join us as we give thanks for their lives and remember them before God in prayer.

Everyone is welcome.

Up Coming:

Bake Sale

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

Open the Bible

An open and honest conversation about key themes in the Bible. Meets on the first Monday of every month, 6–7pm, in the Bedwellty area. To register or ask about the venue, email Rev Ralph at ralphaladese@cinw.org.uk.

Paint a Pumpkin

St George's Church 10am-1pm

Monday 26th October. A autumn craft activity for all ages. £1 entry.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday 31st October 5-8pm. Free entry. Decorated cars with treats and games with biblical themes and stories.

St George's Church

St Dingat's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7 November, 10am–2pm at St Dingat's Church, New Tredegar. Come along for handmade gifts, cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, refreshments and a tombola.

St George's Christmas Market

Friday 13 November, from 6pm at St George's Church, Tredegar. Browse stalls for Christmas gifts and enjoy turkey rolls and hot or cold drinks. Free entry.

Wreath & Tipple Workshop

Friday 11 December, 6pm at St George's Church, Tredegar. Make a Christmas wreath and enjoy an evening together. Tickets are £35 per person and include Prosecco. The bar will also be open.

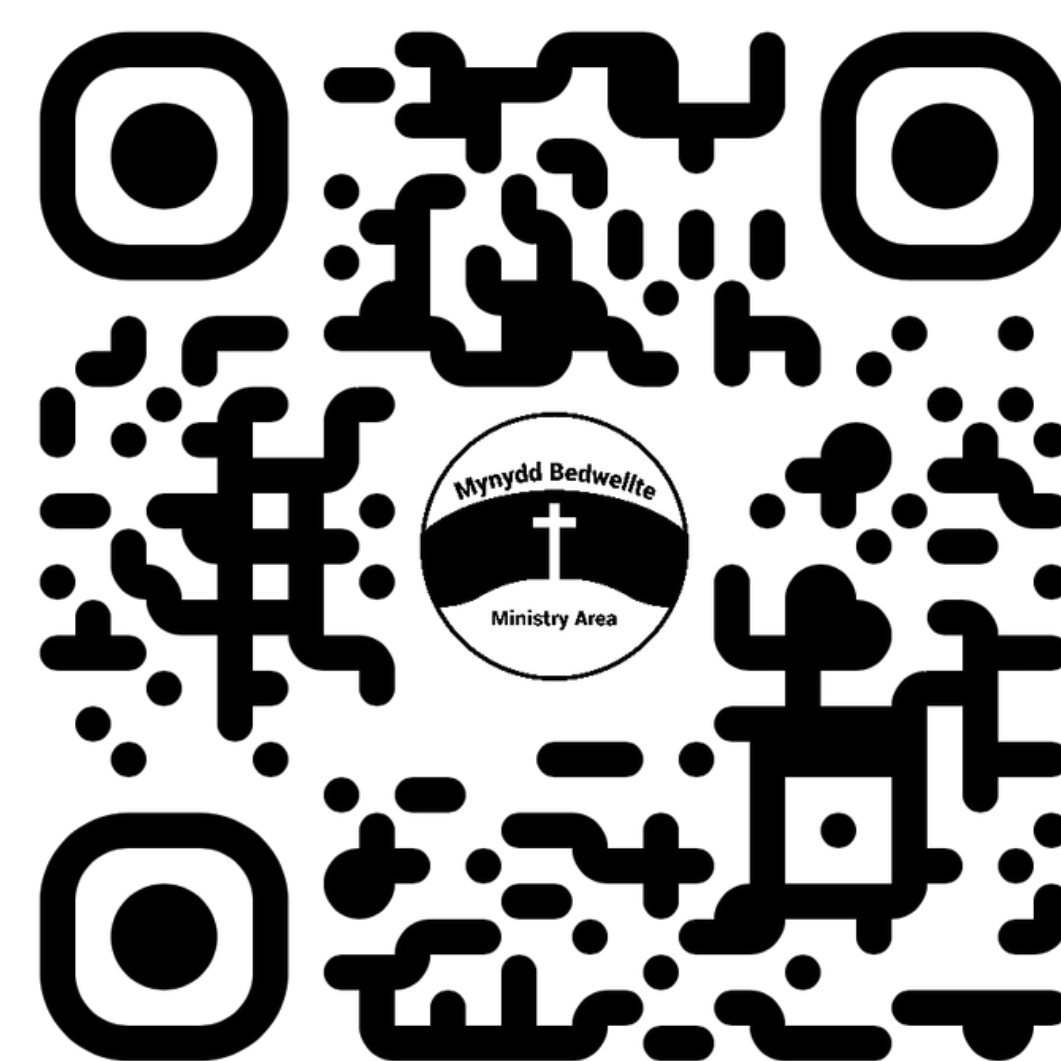


Come as you are. You are welcome.

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 • 9.15am



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