

**Sunday Signpost 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 2**

*"Light for the path and news for the journey."*

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*The First Reading - Acts 2. 14a, 22-32*

'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants

on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 16 (we say the Psalm together)*

**Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.' As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*The Second Reading – 1 Peter 1. 3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do

not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel – John 20. 19-31*

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Post Communion Prayer*

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*Prayer requests* - Annette, Marian, Marian, Derrick, Clive, Margaret, Lucy, Jim, Ellen Marie, Anthony, Margaret, Steven, Claire, Glanys, Dilys, baby Evelyn and her parents, Joan, Sheridan, Sarah, John, Aled, Angela, Jeanette, Melanie, John, Donna, Dave, Alison, Nick, Perry, Lucy, Alun, Kelly, Tempany, Susan, Marion, Diane, Gerry, Avril, Melanie, John, Wendy, Tina, Lucy, baby Shaun and his parents, Ian.

*We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed and for all those who mourn.*

*We also pray for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

Margaret Jones (12<sup>th</sup>), Frederick Harris (16<sup>th</sup>), Elias Morris (17<sup>th</sup>), Clayson Lovell (18<sup>th</sup>)

The Blessed Sacrament lamp in St Fagan's burns this week  
for  
Birthday memories of Margaret Maidman

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available by appointment with Fr Hywel. Please telephone or email to arrange.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER INTENTIONS:  
13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Monday	Acts 4.23-31 Psalm 2 John 3.1-8	For the Spirit of rebirth to renew our hearts and minds.
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37 Psalm 93 John 3.7-15	For unity and shared purpose within our local communities.
Wednesday <i>St Padarn</i>	Acts 5.17-26 Psalm 34.1-8 John 3.16-21	For all who seek the Light of Christ in times of darkness.
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33 Psalm 34.15-22 John 3.31-36	For courageous witness to the truth in our daily lives.
Friday	Acts 5.34-42 Psalm 27.1-6, 13, 14 John 6.1-15	For trust in God's provision when our own resources fail.
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7 Psalm 33.1-5, 18-22 John 6.16-21	For calm and faith amidst the literal and spiritual storms of life.
Easter 3	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35	For opened eyes, that we may recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread.

### Midweek Services

Day & Church	Service/Time
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April, St James	Eucharist, 9.30am
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April, St Elvan	Eucharist, 1.05pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April, St Winifred	Eucharist, 2.00pm
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April, St Lleurwg	Mothers' Union Corporate Mass, 10.30am
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> April, St Luke	Eucharist, 10.00am
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> April, St John	Eucharist, 11.00am

### Sunday Services – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Church	Service/Time
St Fagan	Eucharist, 9.30am
St Lleurwg	Service of the Word, 9.30am
<b>St Elvan</b>	<b>Confirmation Service, 11.00am</b>
St James	Service of the Word, 11.00am
St Luke	Eucharist, 11.00am
St Winifred	Café Church, 11.00am

### **Please pray this week for those who will be confirmed on Sunday:**

Loving God, we thank you for all the candidates and for the gift of your Holy Spirit. As they take this next step, strengthen their faith and remind them that they always have a home in your family, wherever they go, whatever they do. Protect them on their journey, deepen their friendships, and help them to follow the light of Jesus in all they do. **Amen**

## **Ministry Area activities and events this week**

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Tea & Toast 9.30-11.30am, St Fagan's Hall  
Come & Chat 9.30-11.30am, St Lleurwg's Hall  
St Elvan Book Club 11.00am, St Elvan's  
St Elvan's Volunteer Research Group Meeting 1.00pm, St Elvan's  
Mothers' Union Free Talk 2.00pm, St Elvan's  
Quiz Night 7.30pm, Red Cow, Llwydcoed

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Free Jewellery & Beading Group 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan  
Free Storytime & Play 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan  
Free Personal items, Family & Baby toiletries 12.00-1.00pm, St Winifred  
Afternoons with Aquinas Space Talk, 2.00pm, St Elvan's

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Mothers' Union Meeting 11.30am, St Lleurwg's Hall  
Sgwrs Gymraeg (Welsh Conversation) 11.30am-12.30pm, St Elvan's  
Live Music with "Molly & Rob" 7.00pm, St Lleurwg's Hall.

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Highly Strung Ukulele Group 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan  
Caffi Cinio 1.00pm, St Fagan's Hall  
Learn Welsh Glamorgan 6.30-8.30pm, Green Room, St Elvan  
Pints with Aquinas Quiz 7.00pm, St Elvan's

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Crafty Bees Arts & Crafts Group 11.00am-1.00pm, St Elvan  
British Sign Language Classes 2.00pm-4.00pm, St Lleurwg's Hall

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Confirmation rehearsal 10.00am, St Elvan's

## **ST LLEURWG'S CHURCH PRESENTS LIVE MUSIC WITH "MOLLY & ROB"**

With Songs from the 60s, 70s, 80s and more, on Wednesday, 15th April at 7pm in St Lleurwg's Church hall. Tickets £5 or pay at the door - children free. Refreshments will be available.

**Caffi Cinio meets on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>** in St Fagan's Hall, 1pm. There is a lovely two course meal to enjoy plus fellowship and friendship. Please call Ann Baker: 07879 773222 to book your meal.

### **Prayer List and Anniversaries of the Departed**

These will shortly be renewed and updated so there will be new lists available in each church ready for you to add prayer requests or remembrance of loved ones. Please remember that we ask that prayer requests are first names only and that you have had permission to include them.

### **Confirmation 2026 – update**

***Please remember that there is a rehearsal in St Elvan's on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am for those being confirmed on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April***

We are welcoming adults and children to express interest in the next Ministry Area Confirmation which will be later in the year. The exact date is yet to be agreed with the Bishop's Office but is likely to be in October or November. Preparation will be different from previous years but you may now register using the QR code which is available in each of the churches in our Ministry Area or online. Please note that children must be in **at least** Year 6 at the date of the Confirmation service – this was communicated in Bishop Mary's Ad Clerum (a formal letter to the clergy) of March 2026. It is important that anyone wishing to be confirmed attends church regularly; our Shine at Six services are particularly recommended but you may, of course, go to any church service that is convenient.

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