



Sunday Signpost 5th July 2026 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
"Light for the path and news for the journey."

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The First Reading – Zechariah 9. 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm 145. 8-14 (*we say the Psalm together*)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down

The Second Reading – Romans 7. 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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The Gospel – Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

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

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of

Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Susan, Marion, Diane, Gerry, Avril, Melanie, John, Tina, Lucy, baby Shaun and his parents, Ian, Euryl, Linda.

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:

Cyril Osborne (7th), Delma Hill (8th), Betty Godsall (10th)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER INTENTIONS:
6th – 12th July 2026**

Monday <i>Thomas More</i>	Hosea 2.16-23 Psalm 145.1-9 Matthew 9.18-26	Faithful God, touch our brokenness with your healing power and restore us to life through your abundant mercy.
Tuesday	Hosea 8.4-7, 11-13 Psalm 115.1-11 Matthew 9.32-38	Sovereign Lord, deliver us from false idols and send workers into your harvest to reveal your compassion to a broken world.
Wednesday	Hosea 10.1-3, 7, 8, 12 Psalm 105.1-7 Matthew 10.1-7	Righteous God, plough our hearts to seek your face and proclaim your kingdom.
Thursday	Hosea 11.1-9 Psalm 80.1-7 Matthew 10.7-15	Loving Shepherd, draw us close in mercy and help us freely share your kingdom's peace.
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9 Psalm 51.1-11 Matthew 10.16-23	Merciful God, heal our waywardness and give us wisdom to be faithful witnesses.
Saturday <i>Benedict of Nursia</i>	Isaiah 6.1-8, [9, 10] Psalm 93 Matthew 10.24-33	Holy Lord, cleanse our hearts and remove our fears so we can boldly answer your call.
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55.10-13 Psalm 65. [1-8,] 9-13 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	Generous Sower, make our hearts good soil so your Word can bear fruit.

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

The Blessed Sacrament lamp in St Fagan's burns this week
in loving memory of Betty Godsall

Midweek Services

Day & Church	Service/Time
Tues 7 th July, St James	Eucharist, 9.30am
Tues 7 th July, St Elvan	Eucharist, 1.05pm
Tues 7 th July, St Winifred	Eucharist, 2.00pm
Wed 8 th July, St Fagan	Eucharist, 9.30am
Wed 8 th July St Lleurwg	Eucharist, 10.30am
Thurs 9 th July, St Luke	Eucharist, 10.00am
Thurs 9 th July, St John	Eucharist, 11.00am

Sunday Services – 12th July 2026

Church	Service/Time
St James	Eucharist, 8.30am
St Fagan's Church Hall	Faith Factory, 9.15am
St Fagan	Eucharist, 9.30am
St Lleurwg	Eucharist, 9.30am
St Matthew	Service of the Word, 9.30am
St Elvan	Eucharist, 11.00am
St Luke	Eucharist, 11.00am
St Winifred	Eucharist, 11.00am
St Fagan	Shine Eucharist, 6.00pm

Ministry Area activities and events this week

Monday 6th July

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

Tuesday 7th July

Free Jewellery & Beading Group 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan
Free Storytime & Play 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan
Working Party 5.30pm, St Fagan

Wednesday 8th July

Sgwrs Gymraeg (Welsh Conversation) 11.30am-12.30pm, St Elvan
St John the Baptist High School Presentations 7.00pm, St Elvan

Thursday 9th July

Highly Strung Ukulele Group 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan
Learn Welsh Glamorgan 6.30-8.30pm, Green Room, St Elvan
Caffi Cinio 1.00pm, St Fagan's Church Hall
Welsh Hymn Talk with Fr Hywel Davies 2.00pm, St Elvan
Space for Prayer 7.00pm, online (see Peta for details)
Speakeasy Jazz Night 7.00pm, St Elvan
Showcase Performing Arts 7.00pm, St Fagan

Friday 10th July

Crafty Bees Arts & Crafts Group 11.00am-1.00pm, St Elvan
Free Heritage Talk "The Caradog Statue" with Anastazia Thomas
1.30pm, St Elvan
Showcase Performing Arts 7.00pm, St Fagan
Caradogfest Gala Concert 7.00pm, St Elvan

Saturday 11th July

Free "Summer Strum" with Highly Strung & guests 1.00pm, St Elvan
Twmpath! 6.00pm, St Elvan

Y Cymun Bendigaid

Our bilingual Welsh Eucharist is this afternoon at 4pm in St Fagan's. There is no service in August so the next one will be on Sunday 6th

Concert!

On Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July starting at 7pm the wonderful Juniors section of Showcase Performing Arts will be providing a fantastic evening of music raising funds for their next big production. Tickets are available from:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/.../the-kids-choice/e-ldoom>)

Faith Factory news

Faith Factory is taking its Summer break after the session next Sunday, 12th July, and will return at 9.15am in St Fagan's Church Hall on Sunday September 13th.

Shine Eucharist Service

On Sunday, 12th July, we have our Shine Youth service in St Fagan's at 6pm. This is the last before the Summer break and we will be exploring parables – the stories that Jesus taught with - through activities and prayer. Please be sure to sign up to our mailing list so that you don't miss out your invitation for an exciting restart in September! Go to: www.cynonuchafministryarea.org

Gymanfa Ganu

Come along on Sunday July 12th 5.00-6.30 to St Elvan's where Fr Hywel Davies will be conducting with Sheridan George as Organist. Joined by Croeso Singers and Lewis Merthyr Brass Band, this promises to be a wonderful musical event with ten hymns (five Welsh, five English) carefully selected for rousing singing. What a treat we have in store! Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Baard to the Bone!

If you were lucky enough to catch the impromptu performance by the very talented Vic Mills at Neil Maidman's Mothers' Union talk recently, you may like to know that Vic and Contemporancient Theatre are bringing his love of Shakespeare to St Elvan's on Saturday 18th July. If you hate Shakespeare, or love him, there is something in this play for you! Tickets are available for this event from St Elvans Heritage:

<https://www.stelvans.com/events.html>

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