



Cynon Uchaf Ministry Area

St Elvans St Fagans St Lleurwgs St Lukes St James
St Matthews St Winifreds & St Johns

Sunday Signpost 13th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The First Reading – Genesis 50. 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12

*(we sing or say the response - **R**)*

R: The Lord is compassion and love, the Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
and crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

He wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

The Second Reading – Romans 14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

The Gospel – Matthew 18. 21-35

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer requests:

Annette, Marian, Derrick, Margaret, Lucy, Jim, Ellen Marie, Anthony, Margaret, Steven, Claire, Glanys, Dilys, baby Evelyn and her parents, Joan, Sheridan, Sarah, John, Aled, Angela, Jeanette, John, Donna, Alison, Perry, Lucy, Alun, Kelly, Susan, Marion, Diane, Gerry, Avril, Melanie, John, Lucy, baby Shaun and his parents, Ian, Linda, Bob, Susan.

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

Melanie

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

Bill Thomas, priest (15th), Raymond Perkins (15th), Mary Davies (19th)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER INTENTIONS:
14th – 20th September 2026

Monday <i>Holy Cross</i>	Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 22.23-28 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17	We pray for healing and salvation, that as Christ was lifted up on the cross, all people may be drawn to his redeeming love.
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12.12-14, 27-31 Psalm 100 Luke 7.11-17	We pray for unity in the Church and comfort for the grieving, entering God's presence with joy and trusting in his compassion.
Wednesday <i>Ninian</i>	1 Corinthians 12.31 - 13.13 Psalm 33.1-12, 22 Luke 7.31-35	We pray that our lives may be guided by Christ's unfailing love, rejoicing in God's word and walking in his wisdom.
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Psalm 118.14-29 Luke 7.36-50	We pray for steadfast faith in the good news of Christ's resurrection, giving thanks for God's enduring mercy and forgiving grace.
Friday	1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Psalm 17.1-8 Luke 8.1-3	We pray for hope in Christ's resurrection and God's protection, thankful for those supporting his kingdom.
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15.35-49 Psalm 30.1-5 Luke 8.4-15	We pray for grace to receive God's word into good soil, praising him for healing our lives and promising heavenly glory.
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 Psalm 145.1-8 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16	We pray for generous hearts to praise God's gracious mercy, standing firm in the gospel and rejoicing in his boundless love.

The Blessed Sacrament lamp in St Fagan's burns this week
in loving memory of Martin Battenbo

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

Sunday Services – 20th September 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Church	Service/Time
St Fagan	Eucharist, 9.30am
St LLeurwg	Worship Service, 9.30am
St Matthew	Morning Prayer, 9.30am
St Elvan	Eucharist, 11.00am
St James	Worship Service, 11.00am
St Luke	Eucharist, 11.00am
St Winifred	Eucharist, 11.00am
St Elvan	Shine at Six, 6.00pm

Midweek Services

Day & Church	Service/Time
Monday 14 th Sept, St Elvan	Mothers' Union Mass, 1.30pm
Tues 15 th Sept, St James	Eucharist, 9.30am
Tues 15 th Sept, St Elvan	Eucharist, 1.05pm
Tues 15 th Sept, St Winifred	Eucharist, 2.00pm
Wed 16 th Sept, St Fagan	Morning Prayer, 9.30am
Wed 16 th Sept, St LLeurwg	Eucharist, 10.30am
Thurs 17 th Sept, St Luke	Eucharist, 10.00am
Thurs 17 th Sept, St John	Eucharist, 11.00am

Ministry Area activities and events this week

Monday 14th September

Tea & Toast 9.00-11.00am, St Fagan's Church Hall

Come & Chat 9.30-11.30am, St Lleurwg's Hall

Mothers' Union Free Talk 2.00pm, St Elvan

Tuesday 15th September

Free Jewellery & Beading Group 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan

Free Storytime & Play 10.30am-12.00pm, St Elvan

Mothers' Union 150th Celebration 6.00pm, St Elvan

Wednesday 16th September

Sgwrs Gymraeg (Welsh Conversation) 11.30am-12.30pm, St Elvan

Thursday 17th September

Haggarfest – Festival of Silent Film all day, St Elvan

Highly Strung Ukulele Group 11.00am-12.30pm, St Elvan

Caffi Cinio 1.00pm, St Fagan's Church Hall

Learn Welsh Glamorgan 6.30-8.30pm, Green Room, St Elvan

Friday 18th September

Crafty Bees Arts & Crafts Group 11.00am-1.00pm, St Elvan

Saturday 19th September

Christmas the Story Volunteers Meeting 10.30am, St Elvan

Sunday 20th September

Hymns and Pimms 4.00pm, St Lleurwg

Mothers' Union News

On Tuesday 15th September there is a special service celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union starting at 6.00pm in St Elvan's Church. Please can you let Alison know if you are coming for catering purposes. Everyone is warmly invited and most welcome to attend.

Advance notice for the Annual Diocesan Mothers' Union Gathering on 15th October in Ystrad Mynach. The cost to attend is £10 which includes a buffet lunch. Please contact Alison before 20th September if you would like to go.

Christmas the Story

This is the annual live multimedia nativity production, performed at St Elvan's by the churches, chapels and community of Cynon Valley. We are revitalising the production this year and so we need your help to make Christmas the Story happen. We are seeking volunteers for the following: Principal Actors, Supporting Actors, Stewards, Lead Steward, Technology Support, General Support Crew. No acting experience is required and there are no lines to learn!

Rehearsals will take place from the start of November and will be flexible depending on the role. 2026 performances will take place daily, **Monday, November 30th to Friday December 4th** at 09:30, 11:00 & 13:30, and **Saturday December 5th** at 11:00, 13:30 and 15:00. There is an additional preview performance on **Sunday November 29th** at **16:00**

You do not have to volunteer for all of it - you can sign up to help with as much or as little as you want to do. We are holding a casting and volunteer information meeting on Saturday 19th 10:30 in St Elvan's Church. Come along and we can sign you up and answer any questions you may have.

This is such an important part of our Christian witness in the Cynon Valley, please help if you can. (It's also a lot of fun!)

Hymns and Pimms at St Lleurwgs

Another exciting event takes place on Sunday September 20th at 4.00pm in St Lleurwg, Hirwaun. Well-known hymns and a glass of Pimms (non-alcoholic options also available) to lubricate the voice means we should make a joyful noise!

Spread the word and come and enjoy a lovely afternoon.

Introduction to Christianity Course

We are running an introduction to Christianity course at the end of September. There are two sessions to choose from, either an afternoon or an evening in St Elvan. You can change between each session if you need to as they will cover the same material each week.

Afternoons start 22nd September, 2pm in St Elvans

Evenings start 29th September 7pm in St Elvans

We'd love to welcome you and help you discover more about Christianity.



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