

**Our patron saint. Dewi Sant, or St David.**



My dear friends, as we enter March we begin the month with our own patron saint. Dewi Sant, or St David.

An interesting bit of Trivia about St David, he is the only one of the UK based patron saints to have been born in the country he represents. St George was Syrian / Turkish, St Andrew was from the Middle East and St Patrick was born in Wales. Aside from his Miracles, what David is arguably most well known for are his final words. ‘Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd’ translated means ‘Do ye the little

things in life’

An important lesson for today also, it’s often in our busy lives the little hints get swept away, overlooked. But it’s in the little things that we find the seeds of faith, the heart of service and the pure, servant love that Christ modelled for us. Even the smallest acts of kindness, done in Jesus’ name, are significant in God’s eyes.

So, whether it’s helping a neighbour, praying for a stranger, or offering a word of encouragement to someone in need, know that God sees and values those actions. In doing the little things, we can lead to big things. Seeds planted can over time grow and the smallest act of kindness done at the right time can have such far reaching consequences in the best possible way.

Jesus knew this, much of the Gospel encourages us to live in this selfless way. It’s not always easy, Jesus acknowledges this as did St David, but one thing we are promised over and over again; it’s worth it.

So friends my encouragement is this- do as St David taught us, be bold in our faith, love the gospel and do the little things. Even when they may seem insignificant. Do them because we never know the impact they could have.

**Bendith Duw my friends. / Fr. Darren.**



**The Battling Butlers**

Come along to Neuadd St Catwg Community Hall Gelligaer on 22nd March at 3.00pm for a show performed by the Bash Street Theatre that has something for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest. Tickets Adult £4, Children £3 and family £12. Would be wonderful to see you there. If anyone is interested please contact **Carolyn** on **07983 677360**

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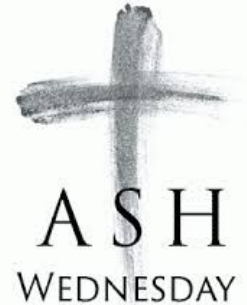
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- Ystrad Mynach** — Holy Trinity
- Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog, Nelson & Llanfabon** – St. John, St. Matthias, St. Mabon
- Gelligaer & Gilfach** — St. Catwg, St. Margaret
- Pontllytyn** — St. Tyfaelog, St. Aidan, St. Mary & St. Andrew
- Bargoed, Deri & Brithdir** — St. Gwladys

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**ASH WEDNESDAY - 5th March.**

**Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter (between February 4 and March 11, depending on the date of Easter). Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with the distribution of ashes and with fasting. Ashes are placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, as a personal act of remembrance and as a sign or a witness for others.



**Reflection for March.**

'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come..' (Song of Songs 2:11-12)

March will see us well into Lent, that special time of waiting and preparing to take us up to what for us is the central commemorative festival - of Jesus's cross and resurrection. In the northern hemisphere we have the added helpful context of Spring! It's as if the natural world around us, and our very own gardens, echo and resonate with hints and reminders of the story of the New Birth we celebrate in Christ's dying and rising for us! Let's enjoy every whisper of the encroaching spring! 'The season of singing has come!'

**Jeff Hankins**