

Church News / Notices.

Christmas Greetings/Messages 2025

If anyone wishes to place a Christmas Greeting in the December magazine, could you please email your greeting/message to myself at: chriscorbin1961@gmail.com or phone Carolyn 07983 677360 with your message, by Sunday 23rd November. Donations for the Christmas greetings may be given to: Cheryl / Lynda (St. Catwg's) or Jeanette / Enid (St. Margaret's)

Y Cymun Bendigaidd / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 6ydd Rhagfyr 2025, Service 11.00am 6th December 2025
Eglwys St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlloftyn.

Christmas Prize Draw 2025

Draw will take place at Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Friday 12th December at 7.00pm.
Everyone is welcome!

Dates for December A Candle to Remember

3.00pm Sunday 14th December, S. Catwg's Church
6.00pm Wednesday 17th December, S. Margaret's Church

Carols By Candlelight

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols
6.00pm Sunday 21st December, S. Catwg's Church

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th November at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am

Friends of Gilfach

Community Dance Group

Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. **All are welcome!!**

Bargoed Community Choir.

We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach 10.00 to 11.30 am. **All are welcome!!**

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.



Scan to view our website.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/ churchinwales.org.uk

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

SUNDAY 30th November 2025 - THE FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT



We are a welcoming Christian community serving the people of the District of Gelligaer.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all well and that you have all had a good week. We extend a warm welcome to everyone. Please join us for worship. Please keep this newsletter and see our parish website and parish Facebook page which for information of our weekly services and forthcoming events and devotional aids.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Today's gospel (Matthew 24:36-44), we read of the emphasizes on the importance of being prepared for the return of Jesus because the timing is unknown and will be a complete surprise. It teaches that only God the Father knows the day and hour of the coming of the Son of Man, and this return will be sudden and unexpected, like the days of Noah, so believers must stay vigilant and ready at all times.

Carolyn

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:

Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:

Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

Everyone is welcome to join us for worship during the week and our social groups and meetings. Further details on the back of this newsletter.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell, The Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer, CF82 8FW

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Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Gary in the event of sickness or other need.

For enquires regarding Baptisms and weddings or spiritual guidance please contact Fr Gary. We are here to help.

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The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

2. 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Response: I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'.

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David. **(R)**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.' **(R)**

For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, 'Peace be within you.

' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

13. 11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew.

24. 36-44

Glory to you, O Lord.

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.