

## Church News / Notices.

### *Mrs Margaret Partridge RIP*

*Margaret is well known to many of us. She has been a faithful member of the Church throughout her life. During my time Margaret has served as Churchwarden and Treasurer and as a gifted flower arranger.*

*Margaret has been a towering presence in our community and we have so much to be grateful to her for. We miss her support, enthusiasm and her humour.*

*Her funeral Service will take place this week*

*On Thursday 30 April 2026*

*at 2.00pm in S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer followed by interment in Gelligaer Cemetery.*

### Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

#### *Friends of Gilfach*

Quiz afternoon Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 2.00pm.  
**All are welcome!!**

#### *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.*



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[www.parihofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parihofgelligaer.org.uk) (scan the QR Code)  
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page  
[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk) / [churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 26th April 2026 -  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
of EASTER**



*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.**

**I find it hard to believe that we have reached the fourth Sunday of Easter already. Time is moving forward so quickly. In the Gospel reading today Jesus points to himself as the Shepherd who leads his flock through the gate of heaven. More than this Jesus himself if the gate by which we come into the nearer presence of God. As Jesus tells his disciples, I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

### 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.*

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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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.**

#### **A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. 2. 42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 23**

**Response: The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. (R)

Even though I walk through the darkest valley  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. (R)

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. (R)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long. (R)

#### **A reading from the first letter of Peter**

**2. 19-25**

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** "I came that they may have life," says the Lord, "and have it abundantly."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. John Glory to you, O Lord.**

**10. 1-10**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**