

Coming up!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE AGM

The Social Committee AGM will meet in S. Margaret's Church
At 12.00noon on Thursday 16th April 2026

THE ANNUNAL PARISH QUIZ

The Annual Parish Quiz takes place at 7.00pm on
Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at S. Margaret's Church.
The entry is £5 – please bring a plate of food for a bring and share.
Everyone is welcome.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

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| Friends of Gilfach Tuesday 14 th Coffee Morning at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am <i>All are welcome!!</i> | Friends of Gilfach Quiz afternoon Tuesday 28 th at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 2.00pm. <i>All are welcome!!</i> |
| Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. <i>All are welcome!!</i> | Bargoed Community Choir. We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am. <i>All are welcome!!</i> |

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



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**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](https://www.facebook.com/parishofgelligaer)
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

SUNDAY 12th April 2026 - THE SECOND 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.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead gives us the confidence to proclaim the presence of God in the world. As S. Paul tells us, "nothing can now separate us from the love of God." It is a great comfort to us, a comfort which strengthens and encourages us as we live our daily lives. The resurrection of Jesus Christ brings the sure and certain hope that God will not abandon us and that all things will be made good in him. It brings the hope of peace and justice for all – a hope that is so important at the present time, a hope that is sustaining many around the world living through dark times. With Thomas we proclaim Jesus, "My Lord, and my God" as we renew ourselves in his service.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

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| 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 |
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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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and 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. 14a, 22-32

'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16. Response: In your presence, O Lord, there is fullness of joy,

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord: I have no good apart from you." **(R)**

As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the nobles, in whom is all my delight. **(R)**

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. **(R)**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary
lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, I have a goodly heritage. **(R)**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I
keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be
moved. **(R)**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. **(R)**

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **(R)**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

1. 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John

20. 19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.