

Church News / Notices.

Fr Darren's Licencing.

Please keep Fr Darren in your prayers as he prepares for his licencing as a Vicar in the Islwyn Ministry Area.

His Licencing is due to take place on 2nd September,
Please look out for more details as we receive them.

ITALIAN NIGHT

***Our Social Committee are holding an Italian Night
On Friday 11th September at 7pm
In Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall***

***Tickets are £10 and everyone is welcome.
We hope to see you there!***

Y Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 5th Mis **Medi** 2026, /
Service 11.00am 5th **September** 2026,
St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach

Church Groups and Community Groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Monthly Quiz Afternoon Tuesday
25th August at St. Margaret's Church,
Glfach, 2.00pm.

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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**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 16th August 2026 -
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**



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 beautiful encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel illustrates two points which are important for us to remember. Firstly Jesus, although he says at first that his mission is to the Lost Sheep of the house of Israel, listens to the woman and answers her prayer. His mission is to everyone. Secondly it is the sincerity and persistence of the woman's prayer that touches Jesus. He recognises the faith she has in him and answers her need. When we pray, if we pray with faith, expecting to be heard, if we pray sincerely and persistently Jesus will hear us and come to us in our need.

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: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Prophet Isaiah

56. 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67.

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. (R)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. (R)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us,
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Romans

11. 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak to us, O Lord. You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

15. 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.