

Church News / Notices.

Fr Darren's Farewell.

We are keeping Fr Darren and his family in our prayers as he prepares to move and take up his new post as Team Vicar in the Islwyn Ministry Area.

Fr Darren's last Sunday in our Ministry Area will be Sunday 2nd August 2026 when he will hold a Farewell Service at 3.00pm in S. Tyfaelog's Church in Pontlottyn. All are welcome to come and give thanks for his ministry among us and to wish him and his family well.

Confirmation.

The Ministry Area is looking to organise a Confirmation Service with the Bishop. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being Confirmed, or if you would like further information about Confirmation, please speak to Fr Gary or one of the clergy.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

<i>Friends of Gilfach</i> Monthly Meeting Tuesday 7th July at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 6.00pm.	<i>Friends of Gilfach</i> Monthly Coffee Morning Tuesday 14th July at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 10.30am.
<i>Community Dance Group</i> Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!	<i>Bargoed Community Choir.</i> We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am. All are welcome!!
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	



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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 5th July 2026 -
The Fifth 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.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' What a wonderful invitation we receive from Jesus in our Gospel reading today. In a world where many are weary, where many struggle to provide for their families, where many fight the burden of addiction, where discontent and fear grow everyday we are reminded of the wonderful promise made to us by Jesus. Jesus promises rest to all who turn to him for he will receive them not with condemnation or reproach but with love, a love that will bring a deep of peace, the love of God. It is an invitation which the world needs to hear so badly for it is an invitation of hope – real hope for us all.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

<u>S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:</u> Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist	<u>S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:</u> 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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 book of Zechariah

9. 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145. 8-14

Response: I will bless you and praise you forever, my God and King.

The lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. **(R)**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power, **(R)**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
And your dominion endures throughout all generations. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

7. 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens," says the Lord, "and I will give you rest."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew

11. 16-19, 25-30

Glory to you, O Lord.

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.