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Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 7fed Mis Tachwedd 2026, / Service 11.00am 7th November 2026, at St. John's Church, Nelson.

Autumn Fayre

Our Autumn Fayre takes place on the 24th of October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

There will be a list in both churches of items that are needed for the Fayre. We would appreciate any help to make this a success. Many thanks as always for your support. ***June and the social team x***

Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal.

S. Catwg's Church and S. Margaret's Church are organising this year's shoebox appeal. It is a wonderful scheme which brings real Christmas joy to the children who receive no gifts in the most deprived and difficult parts of the world. All are invited and are welcome to take part by filling a shoebox with gifts. If you would like a shoebox to fill or would like more information please contact Mrs Cheryl Pugh, Subwarden of S. Catwg's Church. Thank you.

Many Thanks Fr Gary.

Church Groups and Community Groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach Friends of Gilfach Quiz Afternoon 27th October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 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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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 18th October 2026 -
Luke, Evangelist

ARDAL WEINIDOGAETH TÂF RHYMNI TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA

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 we celebrate the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist. He is known for writing the Third Gospel (Gospel of Luke) and the Acts of the Apostles, contributing a massive portion of the New Testament. Luke was a Gentile physician born in Antioch (modern-day Turkey) and a close traveling companion of the Apostle Paul. He is traditionally regarded as the first Christian iconographer credited with painting images of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Carolyn

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:	**S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:**
Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist	**Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist**
Thursday 10.00am Holy 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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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, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah **35. 3-6**

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147. 1-7.

Response: It is good to sing praises to our God.

Praise the Lord! How good it is
to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious,
and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds. **(R)**

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure. **(R)**

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy. **4. 5-17**

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
"The kingdom of God has come near to you."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke. **10. 1-9**
Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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