

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 Pontlloftyn.

All are welcome to come and give thanks for his ministry among us and to wish him and his family well.

Y Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

*** Awst/August Dim Gwasanaeth/No Service ***

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 5th Mis Medi 2026, /
Service 11.00am 5th September 2026,
at St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer.

Church Groups and Community Groups – what's on!

<i>Friends of Gilfach</i> Monthly Meeting Tuesday 4th August at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 6.00pm.	<i>Friends of Gilfach</i> Monthly Coffee Morning Tuesday 11th August 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!!

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



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INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING
WEBSITES:**

www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
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St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 2nd August 2026 -
The Ninth 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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

In our Gospel today Matthew (14:13-21) describes how when Jesus learned about the execution of John the Baptist, He sought to withdraw to a solitary place to grieve. However, seeing the large crowd that followed him, he put his personal sorrow aside and was moved with deep compassion, healing their sick. Matthew describes Jesus feeding over 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. This miracle signifies Christ's deep compassion for human needs, his miraculous power to turn scarcity into abundance, and His call for believers to actively participate in His ministry

Carolyn

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
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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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 the prophet Isaiah

55. 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145. 13b-21

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

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)

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. (R)

He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name
for ever and ever. (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

9. 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew.

14. 13-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.