

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

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



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St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 -**  
**The Sixth 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 today's Gospel (**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**), we see Jesus explaining the "Parable of the Sower," describing how the seeds sown on the good soil grew and flourished. He reveals that the seed represents God's message, the Sower is the one who shares it, and the four types of soil represent the different conditions of people's hearts when they hear the gospel. It can also describe how we can grow in faith through listening to the words of Jesus.

**Carolyn**

#### Worship Through the Week.

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| <b><u>S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:</u></b><br>Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist<br>Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist | <b><u>S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:</u></b><br>Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist<br>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:** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 55. 10-13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the Sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 65. 9-13**

**Response:** Happy are those whom you choose to live in your courts

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it. (R)

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness, (R)

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy.  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy. (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 8. 1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the

flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields

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

**13. 1-9, 18-23**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the Sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**