Church News / Notices.

Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

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

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, Sub warden of S. Catwg's Church. Thank you.

Many Thanks Fr Gary.

For the Fallen

A Remembrance Day Service and Concert
featuring Bargoed Male Voice Choir and Guest Soloists and the children of the Fleur de Lys and Pengam Federation School Choir

6.30pm Wednesday 11th November 2026
At S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach.
Tickets £7 (available at the door)

Church Groups and Community Groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach Friends of Gilfach Monthly Meeting 3rd November at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 6.00pm.	***Friends of Gilfach*** Friends of Gilfach Coffee Morning, 10th November at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 10.30am.
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 1st November 2026 -

ALL SAINTS DAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM

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 Powlstell — 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

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday as we enter the final season of the Churches year, the Kingdom Season as we celebrate the Kingship of Christ over all creation. Today we honour all those faithful Christians who have loved God and neighbour through the centuries and who by their lives have passed on the Christian Faith through the ages to us today.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

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 have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Revelation. **7: 9-17**

After this I looked, and there were a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour, and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm. 34: 1-10

Response: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
Let the humble hear and be glad. **(R)**

O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
And delivered me form all my fears. **(R)**

Look to him, and be radiant;
So your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
And was saved from every trouble. **(R)**

The angel of the Lord encamps
Around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
Happy are those who take refuge in him. **(R)**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
For those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. **(R)**

A reading from the first letter of John. **3: 1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Blessed are the pure in heart," says the Lord, "For they shall see God".
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew. **5. 1-12**
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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