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.

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 25th October 2026 -

Bible Sunday

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

It is good to be back with you after my recent holiday. I am very grateful to all who helped to organise and all who supported our Autumn Fayre yesterday. Today we celebrate Bible Sunday as we give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of the Holy Scriptures. Among the pages of scripture we walk with the people of Israel as they are freed by God from slavery in Egypt, we are inspired by the example and experiences of the characters of the Old Testament and we spend time with Jesus listening to him speaking to us each in our own particular situations. Through the words of scripture God speaks to as we make our own journey towards the promised land of paradise of Heaven. In the words of scripture God speaks to us words of comfort and words of encouragement, strengthening us with the grace of his love which shine through every word.

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: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119. 9-16
Response: Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from
your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you. **(R)**

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare all the ordinances
of your mouth,
I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all your word. **(R)**

I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. **(R)**

A reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Colossians 3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew. 24. 30-35
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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