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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www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

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SUNDAY 8th November 2026 -

REMEBRANCE SUNDAY

THE SECOND 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

On this second Sunday of the Kingdom Season we honour those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice and given their lives in two world wars and in other conflicts around the world in defence of the values of God's Kingdom. Showing love, compassion and immense bravery they gave their lives in the cause of peace for all. Today we honour them and commit ourselves to building the kind of world for which they died.

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 Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 Amos **5. 18-24**

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

Response: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life. **(R)**

Let those be turned back
and brought to dishonour
who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'
turn back because of their shame. **(R)**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation say evermore,
'God is great!'
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliver;
O Lord, do not delay! **(R)**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians **4. 13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Speak to us, O Lord, your servants are listening. You bring the word of eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew. **25. 1-13**
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

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