Church News / Notices.

Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist
Gwasanaeth 11.00am 5fed Mis Rhagfyr 2026,
Service 11.00am 5th December 2026,
Eglwys S. Catwg's Church
Croeso cynnes i bawb!
A warm welcome to everyone!

"A CANDLE TO REMEMBER"

We offer the opportunity to remember our departed loved ones at Christmas with a special service of prayer and reflection and the invitation to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones.
St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer: Sunday 13th December. 3.00pm
St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach: Wednesday 16th December 6.00pm

Christmas Prize Draw 2026

Draw will take place at Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Friday 18th December at 7.00pm.
Everyone is welcome!

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our annual carol service takes place in St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer on Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm

Church Groups and Community Groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach Friends of Gilfach Quiz Afternoon 24th November 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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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 15th November 2026
THE THIRD 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 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

Today we continue our celebration of the Kingdom Season. Our Collect prayer reminds us that in Jesus Christ we have been made God's children, loved by him. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds us that as children of God we are called to work with him to build his Kingdom on earth. He has given each of us special talents to be used collectively for the good of all, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and of God's love to all that we meet and to all among whom we live. Let us pray for the grace to live our lives as faithful disciples of Christ.

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: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the d-evil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; 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 Zephaniah **1. 7, 12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90. 1-8

Response: Let the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God, be upon us.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **(R)**

You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals,'
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep them away: they are like a dream,
Like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. **(R)**

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance **(R)**

A reading from the first letter of S. Paul to the Thessalonians **5. 1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus is Lord! The King of all Creation. He brings Good News of eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew. **25. 14-30**
Glory to you, O Lord.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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