

Church News / Notices.

NEW MINISTRY AREA LEADER

The Licencing of the Revd Rajiv Sidhu as our new Ministry Area Leader and the Licencing of Revd Gary Powell as Area Dean of the Deanery of Eglwysilan will take place at 4pm on Sunday 15th March 2026 in Llandaff Cathedral. There will be a warm welcome to all who can join us to welcome our new Ministry Area Leader and new Area Dean.

Lent Group Meetings

Our Lent Groups will begin meeting this week
6.30pm Wednesday 25th February in S. Margaret's

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Friends of Gilfach Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 6.00pm in St. Margaret's Church Gilfach.

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.



Scan to view our website.

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 March 2026 –
St Davids Day



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.

S. DAVID - PATRON SAINT OF WALES

Today we celebrate our national Patron Saint – David. As we journey through Lent, Jesus tells us today that all who seek to follow him must deny themselves and take up their cross. They must follow the path he has trod, the path that leads to eternal life. David in his life, gives us a wonderful example of living the Christian life. "Be faithful in the small things," he told his people. Being faithful in prayer and in making small acts of charity we walk in the way of Christ and we will come with him to the our home in heaven

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:

Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:

Sunday 9.30am Sung 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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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: God our Father, you gave Saint David to the people of Wales to uphold the faith: encouraged by his example, may we joyfully hold fast to the things which lead to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Sirach

15. 1-6

Whoever fears the Lord will do this, and whoever holds to the law will obtain wisdom. She will come to meet him like a mother, and like a young bride she will welcome him. She will feed him with the bread of learning and give him the water of wisdom to drink. He will lean on her and not fall, and he will rely on her and not be put to shame. She will exalt him above his neighbours and will open his mouth in the midst of the assembly. He will find gladness and a crown of rejoicing and will inherit an everlasting name.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16. 3, 5-8

Response: In your presence, O Lord, there is fullness of joy,

As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the nobles, in whom is all my delight. **(R)**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places,
I have a goodly heritage. **(R)**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved. **(R)**

A reading from the Paul's letter the Thessalonians.

2. 2b-12

We had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

"If you want to follow me," says the Lord, "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me."

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew. 16. 24-27
Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.