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The next meeting of the **MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL**

Takes place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28th January 2026
in St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly **Quiz Afternoon**, on
Tuesday 27th at St. Margaret's Church,
Gilfach at 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.



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](https://www.facebook.com/parishofgelligaer)
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/ churchinwales.org.uk

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 18th January 2026 -
THE SECOND SUNDAY
of EPIPHANY**



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.

Throughout the season of Epiphany, the season of revelation – the true nature of Jesus Christ as the long-promised Messiah, our Lord and Saviour, is gradually revealed to us. In our Gospel reading today John the Baptist again testifies that Jesus as the one who is to come, the one who will take away the sins of the world. The Baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry, and today we witness Jesus calling his first disciples, beginning to gather around his those who will join him in his mission as he encounters first Andrew and his brother Simon, who Jesus renames Peter. Andrew tells his brother “We have found the Messiah,” a message that we, like Andrew, are to bring to our own families.

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: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 book of the prophet Isaiah 49. 1-7
Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40 1 – 11. Response: May all who seek you be joyful and glad in you

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, and of the miry bog,
and set my feet up on the rock, making my steps secure. (R)

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to out God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods. (R)

You have multiplied, O Lord my God. your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you.
Where I do proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. (R)

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. (R)

Then I said, Her I am; in the scroll of the book, it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. (R)

I have told of the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know O Lord,
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation. (R)

I have not concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. (R)

A reading from the first letter of S. Paul to the Corinthians. 1. 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. John. 1. 29-42
Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.