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SHROVE TUESDAY CHEESE AND WINE EVENING AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday 17th February 2026

for members of the District Church Council and all members of the congregation at 7pm in Neuadd, St Catwg's Hall to discuss work needed to S. Margaret's and challenges presented by the Church Hall.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18 FEBRUARY 2026

10.00am Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes S. Margaret's

7.00pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes S. Catwg's

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details of our Lent courses which will begin soon.

S. David's Day Cawl Lunch

This year we celebrate our national Patron St. David with a Cawl Lunch, on Sunday 1st March at 1.00pm in Neuadd St. Catwg's Hall
Tickets are £8.00 and will be available in both churches soon!
All are welcome! Thank you.

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.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

**Tuesday 24th February 2026
Afternoon Quiz – S. Margaret's**

Friends of Gilfach

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!!**

Community Dance Group

Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. **All are welcome!!**



Scan to view our website.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

www.pariahofgelligaer.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 February 2026 –
THE SUNDAY before LENT:
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**



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.

This week we begin our observance of Lent as we journey with Jesus into the wilderness before travelling with him to Jerusalem. Please join us on our Lenten journey of discovery as we witness all that he endured for love of us.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

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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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Exodus 24. 12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 Response: Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Why do the nations conspire, and the people plot in vain?
The Kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed.
saying, 'Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.' (R)

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord has them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury,
saying, 'I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.' (R)

I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, 'you are the son; today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' (R)

Now therefore, O kings, be wise: be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet,
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all who take refuge in him. (R)

A reading from the second letter of Peter. 1. 16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is my Son, my chosen; listen to him!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew. 17. 1-9 Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.