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The Ministry Area Annual General Meeting

takes place at 4.00pm TODAY SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026
in Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach
All are welcome!

STRAWBERRY TEA

*Our annual Strawberry Tea
Takes place at 2.30pm on
Saturday 27th June in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall.
Tickets available from June and Cheryl
Everyone is welcome*

Confirmation.

The Ministry Area is looking to organise a Confirmation Service with the Bishop. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being Confirmed, or if you would like further information about Confirmation please speak to Fr Gary or one of the clergy.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Quiz afternoon Tuesday 26th at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, 2.00pm.
All are welcome!!

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 7th June 2026 -
The First Sunday after Trinity



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 see a change of gear in our keeping of the Churches year. Since Advent we have been recalling all that Jesus has done for us, the events of his life, his death and resurrection, his ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. For the remainder of the year we consider his teachings and reflect on how his life and teachings influence how we live our lives as his disciples in the world today. It is an exciting time and self-discovery, a time of growth as we open ourselves to Jesus.

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, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 the Prophet Hosea. 5.15 – 6.6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favour:

A Call to Repentance "Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Impenitence of Israel and Judah What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my[a] judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50. 7-15

Response: The heavens declare his righteousness for God himself is Judge.

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your
burnt offerings are continually before me. (R)

I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. (R)

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? (R)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

4. 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The risen Christ stands among us, and calls us to hear his voice.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew

9. 9-13, 18-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.