

Church News / Notices.

Annual Congregational Meeting.

Wednesday 3rd June 2026, at 7.00pm, in St Catwg's Church.
Nomination forms are available in both churches.

The Ministry Area Annual General Meeting

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

Y Cymun Bendigaid – Holy Eucharist

11.00am Dydd Sadwrn – Saturday 6th Mehefin/June
yn Eglwys S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach.

We will be holding our monthly celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Welsh to serve the Welsh speakers and learners of our Ministry Area and wider community. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for worship and fellowship.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

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

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!!

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 17th May 2026 -
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER –
Sunday after Ascension 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.

For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples. On the fortieth day he appeared for the last time before ascending in glory before their eyes to take his place at the right hand of the Father in heaven. With the disciples we now wait for Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Like the disciples we are given a short space to think about all the Jesus has done for us and to consider what that means to us and how we live our lives.

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.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell, The Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer, CF82 8FW
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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: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 the book of the Acts of the Apostles. 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68. 1-10 Response: Our God is a God of salvation.

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. (R)

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides up on the clouds –
his name is the Lord - be exultant before him. (R)

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity
but the rebellious live in a parched land. (R)

O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. (R)

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
your flock found a dwelling in it,
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. (R)

A reading from the first letter of Peter

4. 12-14; 5. 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"All mine are yours, and yours are mine," says the Lord, "and I have been glorified in them."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. John Glory to you, O Lord.

17. 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.