

Church News / Notices.

Appointment of Rajiv Sidhu as Ministry Area Leader for the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area

Bishop Mary is delighted to announce the appointment of the Rev'd Rajiv Sidhu as Ministry Area Leader in the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area. Bishop Mary says: "I am delighted that Rajiv has responded to this call to the Taff Rhymney Ministry Area. He brings an enormous amount of joy and life with him, which I know will be a great blessing to Taff Rhymney. Please pray for him, Freya and the rest of the family as they prepare to move in the new year. Archdeacon Rhod says: "Rajiv is an energetic and entrepreneurial priest who will be able to provide the leadership and the care and encouragement the ministry area needs. I am looking forward to working with him in his new ministry." Revd Rajiv Sindhu is currently the Vicar for Spiritual Formation and Learning in the Pontypridd Ministry Area. He has pastoral oversight of St John's the Graig, Pontypridd and St Luke's Rhydyfelin. **Sue Rivers**

Christmas Greetings/Messages 2025

If anyone wishes to place a Christmas Greeting in the December magazine, could you please email your greeting/message to myself at: chriscorbin1961@gmail.com or phone Carolyn 07983 677360 with your message, by Sunday 24th November. Donations for the Christmas greetings may be given to: Cheryl / Lynda (St. Catwg's) or Jeanette / Enid (St. Margaret's)

Christmas Prize Draw 2022

Draw will take place at Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Friday 12th December at 7.00pm. **Everyone is welcome!**

SAMARITAN PURSE

Unfortunately, time has run away with us this year and we have missed the opportunity to organise the Shoebox Appeal. However, we have decided to hold a collection to support the valuable work of Samaritan Purse. Donations can be made to Cheryl and Jeanette.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly MEETING on Tuesday 7th October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly Coffee Morning on Tuesday 14th October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am

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.parihofgelligaer.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 2nd November 2025 -

* ALL SAINTS



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

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

In today's Gospel we read of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, it contrasts two paths: one of spiritual blessing and another of worldly fulfilment. It presents the "blessed are you" pronouncements for the poor, hungry, weeping, and persecuted, signifying their spiritual status in God's kingdom. The "woe to you" statements are for the rich, full, and popular, who may be spiritually lost because they find their consolation in material things rather than in God. We also read in the Gospel passage a call to love our enemies and act with compassion and generosity, so emphasizing how to live as a follower of Christ.

Carolyn

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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Principal Office: The Vicarage, Cedar Way, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7DR.

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Daniel

7. 1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Response: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song. Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. (R)

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory. (R)

Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands, (R)

to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgement decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord! (R)

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Ephesians

1. 11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke

6. 20-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.