

Church News / Notices.

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 23rd November. Donations for the Christmas greetings may be given to: Cheryl / Lynda (St. Catwg's) or Jeanette / Enid (St. Margaret's)

Y Cymun Bendigaidd / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 6ydd Rhagfyr 2025, Service 11.00am 6th December 2025
Eglwys St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn.

Christmas Prize Draw 2025

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

Ministry Area Advent Praise

There will be an Advent Praise held at, St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn on 30th November, commencing at 4.00pm.
ALL are welcome!

Church groups and Community groups – what's on !

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly Quiz Afternoon on Tuesday 25th November 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.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 23rd November 2025 -
CHRIST THE KING -
The Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom**



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

We see in today's Gospel how Luke recounts the crucifixion of Jesus between two criminals and focuses on the contrasting responses of the two men. We see the core meaning that while one criminal mocks Jesus, the other repents, acknowledges Jesus's authority, and in doing so is promised paradise, demonstrating that forgiveness and salvation are available to anyone who turns to Christ, regardless of their past. This passage from Lukes Gospel highlights divine grace, human accountability, and the paradoxical nature of Jesus's power to save through suffering.

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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The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 Jeremiah

23. 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Response: The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **(R)**

There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. **(R)**

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what
desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

'Be still and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

1. 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke

23. 33-43

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.