

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 Rav'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)

Y Cymun Bendigaidd / Welsh Eucharist

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

Christmas Prize Draw 2025

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

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th November at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am

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.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 9th November 2025 - The Second Sunday of the Kingdom – Remembrance 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.

Remembrance Sunday

On this second Sunday of the Kingdom Season we honour those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice and given their lives in two world wars and in other conflicts around the world in defence of the values of God's Kingdom. Showing love, compassion and immense bravery they gave their lives in the cause of peace for all. Today we honour them and commit ourselves to building the kind of world for which they died

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

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 Job

19. 23-27a

'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17. 1-7

Response: Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and hear my words.

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right. (R)

If you try my heart,
if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress. (R)

As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped. (R)

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand. (R)

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians

2. 1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke

20. 27-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.