

Church News / Notices.

Y Cymun Bendigaïd / Welsh Eucharist
Gwasanaeth 11.00am 6 Medi 2025
Service 11.00am 6 September 2025
Eglwys S. Catwg's Church
Gelligaer

Celebration Praise

*A service of praise and thanksgiving for 30 years of
 ordained ministry for Fr Gary Powell
 The Revd Judy Ford
 Will be held in S. Catwg's Church
 At 4.00pm on Sunday 21 September
 Followed by refreshments in the Hall.
 Everyone is welcome!!*

church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union

Quiz Afternoon takes place on Tuesday
 26th August at St. Margaret's Church,
 Giffach at 2.00pm

Mothers' Union

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, Giffach
 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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 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 24th August 2025 -
 BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**



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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle. As with most of the apostles we know little about his origins or his work following the Ascension of the Lord and the events of Pentecost. He is believed to have travelled widely to spread the Good News of Christ and the tradition of the Church tells of Bartholomew working in India and Armenia, Mesopotamia and Persia. It was on his missionary journey that he is said to have been martyred, reportedly being flayed alive by pagan priests in Armenia.

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, Giffach:

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: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ 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 Acts.

5. 12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145. 1-7

Response: I will bless you and praise you for ever, my God and King

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
his greatness is unsearchable. **(R)**

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. **(R)**

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

4. 9-15

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak to us, O Lord, your words of eternal life
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

22. 24-30.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.' 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.