Church News / Notices.

Cymun Bendigaid / Welsh Eucharist

Gwasanaeth 11.00am 7fed Mis Tachwedd 2026, Service 11.00am 7th November 2026, at St. John's Church, Nelson.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 4th October. Following our services we will be celebrating with a Harvest Lunch which will take place in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall at 1.00pm. Please join us, tickets are £10 and will be available in both churches. As usual our Harvest gifts will go to support our local food bank which provides invaluable assistance to those in need.

Autumn Fayre

Our Autumn Fayre takes place on the 24th of October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.
There will be a list in both churches of items that are needed for the Fayre. We would appreciate any help to make this a success. Many thanks as always for your support. ***June and the social team.***

Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal.

S. Catwg's Church and S. Margaret's Church are organising this year's shoebox appeal. It is a wonderful scheme which brings real Christmas joy to the children who receive no gifts in the most deprived and difficult parts of the world. All are invited and are welcome to take part by filling a shoebox with gifts. If you would like a shoebox to fill or would like more information please contact Mrs Cheryl Pugh, Subwarden of S. Catwg's Church. Thank you.

Many Thanks Fr Gary.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly meeting on Monday 6th October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm

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 4TH OCTOBER 2026 - HARVEST THANKSGIVING

(Trinity 18)

ARDAL WEINIDOGAETH TÂF RHYMNI TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA

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.

This week we celebrate our Harvest Festival. We give thanks to God for the bounties of creation, for all that he provides for our daily bread. We do so at a time when life is still very difficult for so many people. Many are accessing our local foodbank and we are very grateful to you for the harvest gifts that you generously provide which will go to help those in need in our own community.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:	**S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:**
Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist	**Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist**
Thursday 10.00am Holy 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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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:
Lord of all creation, you give us the fruits of the earth in their season and crown the year with your goodness: help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in want and to meet our daily needs; through Jesus Christ the Bread of life, 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 Deuteronomy **8. 7-18**
For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65. 9-13

Response: Happy are those whom you choose to live in your courts.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water;
You provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it. **(R)**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
Softening it with showers and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness. **(R)**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians **9. 6-15**
The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Speak to us, O Lord, you bring the good news of eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke **17: 5-10**
Glory to you, O Lord.
The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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