

## Church News / Notices.

### ***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!!*

### **Bargoed Community Choir**

Bargoed Community Choir will be performing a concert at St Peters Church, Aberbargoed on Monday the 22nd of September at 5:00pm, where the Rhymney Valley Food Bank are celebrating the 70th anniversary of St Peter's Church. It will be an opportunity for visitors to see the work of the food bank in situ and the importance of this project to the Upper Rhymney Valley. It would be lovely to see friends joining us as we celebrate.

#### church groups and Community groups – what's on!

##### ***Mothers' Union***

*Quiz Afternoon takes place on Tuesday  
23rd September at St. Margaret's  
Church, Gilfach at 2.30pm*

##### ***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, Gilfach  
10.00 to 11.30 am.  
All are welcome!!*



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**DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL  
INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING  
WEBSITES:**

[www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk) (scan the QR Code)

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page

[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/) [churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 -  
HOLY CROSS**



*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 Holy Cross Day. The cross on which Jesus was lifted up and crucified is for Christians the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. The image of the Cross is central to our expression of our faith and is the most recognisable of Christian symbols. On the cross Jesus made this instrument of humiliate, torture and death the instrument of our redemption. Today we give thanks that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son to death on the Cross for love of us.**

*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 and spiritual guidance please contact Fr Gary.*

*We are here to help.*

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*Registered Charity No. 1208522*

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

## ***The Liturgy of the Word.***

**Collect:** Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.**

#### **A reading from the book of Numbers**

**21. 4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 22. 23-28. Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. **(R)**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! **(R)**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations. **(R)**

#### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

**2. 6-11**

Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God so loved that world that he gave his only Son.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**3. 13-17**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**