

Church News / Notices.

Celebration Praise

*A service of praise and thanksgiving for 30 years of ordained ministry for Fr Gary Powell and The Revd Judy Ford
Will be held today at 4.00pm in S. Catwg's Church
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 5:00 PM, 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Thanksgiving takes Place on Sunday 5th October. will celebrate with a **HARVEST LUNCH** at 1.30pm in S. Catwg's Hall. Tickets £8.00 Harvest gifts will be gratefully received and donated to support the work of local foodbanks.

SAMARITAN PURSE

Unfortunately time has run away with us this year and we have missed the opportunity to organise the Shoebox Appeal. However we have decided to hold a collection to support the valuable work of Samaritan Purse. Donations can be made to Cheryl and Jeanette.

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!!

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 21st September 2025 -
MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST**



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 give thanks for God for the life and witness of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Called Levi by Mark and Luke, Matthew was a tax-collector, a Jewish man who worked for the Romans, before he left his old life and his work at the call of Christ. From the very beginning of the Church he has been recognised as being the author of the first Gospel written in the second half of the first century. Matthew is believed to have been martyred for his faith as he worked to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Some believe that he was killed working in Ethiopia others that he was killed further east in Persia or the area of the Persian Gulf

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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The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 Proverbs

3. 13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119. 65-72.

Response: Lead me, O lord in the path of your cross.

You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord,
according to your word.

Teach me good judgement and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.
Before I was humbled I went astray,
but now I keep your word. (R)

You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.
The arrogant smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.
Their hearts are fat and gross,
but I delight in your law. (R)

It is good for me that I was humbled,
so that I might learn your statutes.
The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces. (R)

A reading from the second letter of S. Paul to the Corinthians.

4. 1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice," says the Lord, "For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew

9. 9-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.