

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

.. Coffee Morning takes place on Tuesday
 12th August at St. Margaret's Church,
 Giffach at 10.30am.

Mothers' Union

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

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, 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 10th August 2025 -
 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**



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.

Making preparations take up much of our time. Preparing to complete work or a task, preparing for a holiday, preparing for a stay in hospital or to receive medical treatment can all take up our time and demand our attention. In the gospel Jesus calls on his disciples to be vigilant to prepare for the time when he will come to them. We are all called to be prepared when he comes to us by becoming attentive to his presence with us, to hear his voice when he speaks to us through scripture and our consciences so that we might receive the great gift of his love and a place in his Kingdom.

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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Genesis

15. 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33. 13-22.

Response: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O Lord.

The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned
he watches all the inhabitants of the earth –
he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds. (R)

A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save. (R)

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine. (R)

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. (R)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11. 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Do not be afraid," says the Lord, "for it is your Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

12. 32-40.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.