

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 Monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday 2 nd September at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning takes place on Tuesday 9th September at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am
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.



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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 31st August 2025 -
THE ELEVENTH 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.

As Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading today we offer a warm welcome for all in our Churches. Jesus came to bring hope, peace and love to those in need. He invites all to eat at his banquet, to know his love, because he recognises us all as his brothers and sisters, children of God. We are all special to him. We are called to welcome all in his name, to let all people know that they are loved by him and that as children of God they are special to him and that as our brothers and sisters in Christ they are special to us.

God's blessing be with you all.

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
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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 God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Proverbs

25. 6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112.

Response: Happy are those, who fear the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed. (R)

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful and righteous. (R)

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever. (R)

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
In the end they will look in triumph on their foes. (R)

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honour. (R)

The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. (R)

A reading from a letter to the Hebrews

13. 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, his kingly power over the whole world
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

14. 1, 7-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.