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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.

Friends of Gilfach

Our monthly Quiz afternoon which should have been held on Tuesday 23rd of September at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 2.00pm, will now be held on the Tuesday coming, the 30th of September.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gilfach

Hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday
7th October at St. Margaret's Church,
Glfach 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 28th September 2025 -
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
after TRINITY**



We are a welcoming Christian community serving the people of the District of Gelligaer.

Priest: Fr Gary Powhell

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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

In today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-3), we read the story of the rich man and Lazarus, it teaches a lesson about the consequences of wealth misused and the importance of compassion, highlighting the reversal of fortunes in the afterlife, the eternal division between the saved and the damned, and the sufficiency of scripture for salvation over a miraculous resurrection.

Carolyn.

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: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Amos

6. 1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146.

Response: I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord. O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long. (R)

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to earth;
on that very day their plans perish. (R)

Happy are those
whose help is the God of Jacob
whose hope is the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea
and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food for the hungry. (R)

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous. (R)

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. (R)

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations,
O praise the Lord! (R)

A reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy

6. 6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house".

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke

16. 19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.