

PENTECOST PRAISE

On Pentecost Sunday (8th June 2025)
Our Ministry Area is holding an afternoon
SERVICE OF PENTECOST PRAISE AND A FAITH TEA

Further details to follow

<p>Bargoed Male Voice Choir will be holding their ANNUAL CONCERT in S. Margaret's Church on Friday 13th June 2025 Tickets £5 available from Fr Gary or on the door. Everyone is welcome.</p>	<p>Bargoed Community Choir are holding a CONCERT in S. Margaret's Church on Thursday 19th June 2025 Further details from Audrey, Jenn or Lyn. or any members of the choir.</p>
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Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>Mothers' Union</i>
<p>Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!</p>	<p>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!!</p>
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	



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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

**SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025 -
THE FIFTH SUNDAY
of EASTER**



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.

In the Gospel today Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment. "Love one another," he tells them. "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Jesus is reminding us that the source of all love is God, for God is love. The love we share with our loved ones, our families and friends, the love we share as brothers and sisters in Christ, worshipping together as one fellowship, is itself a share in the love which God our Father has for us, divine love revealed to us in the life, death and resurrection of his Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. The vocation of all Christians is the vocation to love, without distinction, all in the name of the Father, to love all as He loves us.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

<p>S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer: Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach: Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist</p>
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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: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Acts of the Apostles.

11. 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 1-6

Response: Praise the Lord for his glory is above all heav'n and earth.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord
from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host! **(R)**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens! **(R)**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. **(R)**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

21. 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. This is the Word of the Lord.'

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"I give you a new commandment," says the Lord. "That you love one another."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

13. 31-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.