

## 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><b>Bargoed Male Voice Choir</b> will be holding their <b>ANNUAL CONCERT</b> in S. Margaret's Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Tickets £5 available from Fr Gary or on the door. Everyone is welcome.</p>	<p><b>Bargoed Community Choir</b> are holding a <b>CONCERT</b> in S. Margaret's Church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

<b>Mothers' Union</b>	<b>Mothers' Union</b>
<b>Community Dance Group</b> Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. <b>All are welcome!!</b>	<b>Bargoed Community Choir.</b> We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am.. <b>All are welcome!!</b>
<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](http://www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk) (scan the QR Code)  
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page  
[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk) / [churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 11th MAY 2025 -  
THE FOURTH 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.

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This week we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. We give thanks to God for the presence of the risen Christ in our daily lives. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows each of us intimately, who care for each of us as a shepherd cares for the sheep. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls each of us by name to follow him. He calls us to live our lives as members of his flock in this world, to proclaim and share his love and concern for all his people in our own words and actions, that we might come to share the glory of his eternal risen life in the next.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

### Worship Through the Week.

<b>S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:</b> Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist	<b>S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:</b> 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:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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.**

**9. 36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 23**

**Response: The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **(R)**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. **(R)**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. **(R)**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long. **(R)**

#### **A reading from the book of Revelation.**

**7. 9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

. "My sheep hear my voice", says the Lord, "I know them and they follow me."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.**

**10. 22-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

'This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**