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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

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

Mothers' Union

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 17th August 2025 -
THE NINTH 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.

All around the world we see divisions between nations growing, and home we see communities become more fragmented as disagreements intensify as to how we deal with perceived problems. It is shocking the, to hear Jesus say in the Gospel, that he came among his people to bring division. Jesus comes among us to proclaim God's ways of love and peace, the only way to build a just and secure world for all God's people. But Jesus knew that there would always be those who would oppose him, those who cause division to further their own selfish ends. Those who choose to follow Jesus will face opposition and persecution but for them the reward will be great – eternal peace and joy with Jesus in heaven.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

orship 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: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Jeremiah.

23. 23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82.

Response: Give justice to the weak and the orphan.

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:
'How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?' (R)

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.' (R)

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken. (R)

I say, 'You are gods, all of you
children of the Most High,
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'
Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you! (R)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11.29 - 12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak to us, O Lord, your words of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

12. 49-56.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.