

## Church News / Notices.

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# TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Takes place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at  
3.00pm in St. Gwladys Church Bargoed.

## To celebrate VE Day.

In commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day we are holding  
an event on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, in Neuadd St.Catwg at 1.00pm.  
It will be a buffet lunch and tickets are £12.00 (a £5.00 deposit is  
required.)

Please give names to:

June Phillips St. Margaret's . or Cheryl Pugh. St. Catwg's.  
Love and prayers as always June.

### Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>Mothers' Union</i>
<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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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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 -  
THE SECOND 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.

This week I have noticed that the spring blossom is beginning to  
cover the apple tree in my garden. Spring is a time of new beginnings,  
new life, as plants begin to grow again and leaves and flowers begin  
to appear witnessing to the renewing power of the God who creates  
all things and loves all things. Our Easter celebrations remind us of  
the new beginnings that God constantly offers to us when we fall  
short of his teachings in our daily lives. The resurrection of Christ  
offers us a sure and certain hope for a future filled with peace and  
love. At this time we pray that peace may grow throughout the world  
and we pray for those who are denied peace by the violent acts of  
others.

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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts of the Apostles.**

**5. 27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 118: 19-25**

**Response: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it. (R)

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. (R)

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success. (R)

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

**1. 4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**20. 19-31.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**