

Church News / Notices.

*We send our best wishes to Fr Gareth,
who this week had a cornea transplant.
The operation went well and Fr Gareth is now recovering.
We hold him, his family and all we know who are receiving
treatment at this time in our prayers.*

*This year's
GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE
takes place this year on Saturday 6th September
Details are at the back of the Church.
For more details please speak to Carolyn.*

church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union Meeting takes place on Tuesday 5 th August at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm.	Mothers' Union . Coffee Morning takes place on Tuesday 12 th August at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am.
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 3rd August 2025 -
THE SEVENTH 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.

Already August is upon us and right on cue as the schools break up the weather has begun to change and we have received our first storm warning for some time. Looking out at my garden I am thrilled that my apple tree seems to be doing really well. After a couple of years of producing little it has for the second year running sprung to life again this year. In the same way we come to worship God, to receive his holy Word and the grace of his love that we might go out into the world re-energised and renewed to bear good fruit in building his Kingdom among the people with whom we live.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:	S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:
Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist	Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am Holy 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: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Ecclesiastes

1. 2, 12-14; 2. 18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49. 1-9

Response: God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol.

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear,
all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. **(R)**

Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches? **(R)**

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.
For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,
that one should live on for ever
and never see the grave. **(R)**

A reading from letter of S Paul to the Colossians

3. 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come to us, Lord Jesus. You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

12. 13-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.