

## Church News / Notices.

### PENTECOST PRAISE

On Pentecost Sunday (8th June 2025)

Our Ministry Area is holding an afternoon

#### SERVICE OF PENTECOST PRAISE AND A FAITH TEA

To be held at 4.30pm in S. Gwladys' Church, Bargoed

With refreshments in the Hall following the service.

Everyone is warmly invited – please come along.

#### *Bargoed Male Voice Choir*      *Bargoed Community Choir*

will be holding their  
**ANNUAL CONCERT**

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.

are holding a  
**CONCERT**

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.

#### Y Cymun Bendigaid – Holy Eucharist

11.00am Dydd Sadwrn – Saturday 5 Gorffennaf/July  
yn Eglwys S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer

We will be holding our first of what we hope will become a regular celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Welsh to serve the Welsh speakers and learners of our Ministry Area and wider community. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for worship and fellowship.

#### Strawberry Tea

The social committee will be holding their annual strawberry tea on Saturday 21st June at 2.30pm, at Neuadd St Catwg, Gelligaer. The cost of a ticket will be £6.00 and will be available from both church.

*All are welcome.*

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

##### *Mothers' Union*

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##### *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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**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 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2025 -

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER –

Sunday after Ascension Day



*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.

For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples. On the fortieth day he appeared for the last time before ascending in glory before their eyes to take his place at the right hand of the Father in heaven. With the disciples we now wait for Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Like the disciples we are given a short space to think about all the Jesus has done for us and to consider what that means to us and how we live our lives.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

#### Worship 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:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 Acts of the Apostles.**

**16. 16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 97      Response: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.**

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coast lands be glad!  
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.      **(R)**

Fire goes before him,  
and consumes his adversaries on ev'ry side.  
His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.      **(R)**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.  
All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.      **(R)**

Zion hears and is glad and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.  
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.      **(R)**

The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;  
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.      **(R)**

Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!      **(R)**

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

**22. 12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21**

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first, the last, the beginning and the end."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**17. 20-26**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**