

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 13th 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 19th 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.

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 (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 25th MAY 2025 -
THE SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER:
ROGATION SUNDAY**



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.

Our gospel reading today follows on from our reading last
week. It is a part of the same conversation between Jesus and
his disciples at the Last Supper where Jesus is preparing his
disciples for his final departure. Last week he told his disciples
that they should show their faithfulness to him in the love that
they showed each other. In this way others will know that they
are his disciples. The disciples have been called by Jesus to
build his Church, to continue his work on earth of bringing the
love, hope and peace, of God to a world in need. It is a calling
that we have inherited as followers of Christ in today's world.

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: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts of the Apostles.

16. 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67.

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. (R)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. (R)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us,
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

A reading from the book of Revelation.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Those who love me will keep my word," says the Lord and my Father will love them."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

14. 23-29

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.