

## Church News / Notices.

*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!!

### **Bargoed Community Choir**

Bargoed Community Choir will be performing a concert at St Peters  
Church, Aberbargoed on Monday the 22nd of September at 5:00 PM,  
where the Rhymney Valley Food Bank are celebrating the 70th  
anniversary of St Peter's Church. It will be an opportunity for visitors to  
see the work of the food bank in situ and the importance of this project to  
the Upper Rhymney Valley. It would be lovely to see friends joining us as  
we celebrate

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

##### **Mothers' Union**

Coffee Morning takes place on  
Tuesday 9th September at St.  
Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am

##### **Mothers' Union**

Quiz Afternoon takes place on Tuesday  
23rd September at St. Margaret's  
Church, Gilfach at 2.30pm

##### **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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[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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 -**  
**THE TWELFTH 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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes that becoming his disciple requires a  
radical, all-consuming commitment that surpasses love for family, friends,  
and even one's own life, demanding willingness to "hate" them in  
comparison to his love and to bear their own cross. Jesus tells a large crowd  
that those who come to him must love him more than their own family, and  
even their own life, to be his disciple.

**Carolyn**

#### **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:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son 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 book of Deuteronomy**

**30. 15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 1. Response: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous**

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night. (R)

They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
The wicked are not so. (R)

They are like chaff  
that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish. (R)

#### **A reading from the book of Philemon**

**1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.**

**14. 25-33**

##### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

*Praise to you, O Christ*

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