

Church News / Notices.

SAMARITAN PURSE

Unfortunately, time has run away with us this year and we have missed the opportunity to organise the Shoebox Appeal. However, we have decided to hold a collection to support the valuable work of Samaritan Purse. Donations can be made to Cheryl and Jeanette.

Christmas Greetings/Messages 2025

If anyone wishes to place a Christmas Greeting in the December magazine, could you please email your greeting/message to myself at: chriscorbin1961@gmail.com or phone Carolyn 07983 677360 with your message, by Sunday 24th November. Donations for the Christmas greetings may be given to:

Cheryl / Lynda (St. Catwg's) or Jeanette / Enid (St. Margaret's).

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Friends of Gylfach

Hold their monthly QUIZ AFTERNOON on Tuesday 28th October at St. Margaret's Church, Gylfach at 2.00pm

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, Gylfach 10.00 to 11.30 am.
All are welcome!!

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.



Scan to view our website.

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 26TH OCTOBER 2025 - Bible 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

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

In today's Gospel we learn how Luke describes Jesus reading from the prophet Isaiah in his hometown synagogue, applying the text to himself as the Messiah who brings good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, and sight to the blind. The passage's meaning centres on Jesus announcing his mission and kingdom, which includes a radical reversal of fortunes, challenging the complacency of his listeners and foreshadowing their later rejection of him because they see him as a familiar local instead of a powerful prophet.

Carolyn

Worship Through the Week.

S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:

Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

S. Margaret's Church, Gylfach:

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.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell, The Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer, CF82 8FW

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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, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

45. 22-25

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.'

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119. 129-136

Response: Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands.

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore, my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words
gives light; it imparts
understanding to the simple.
With open mouth I pant,
because I long for
your commandments. **(R)**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom towards those
who love your name.
Keep my steps steady according
to your promise,
and never let iniquity
have dominion over me. **(R)**

Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
Make your face shine upon your
servant, and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

15. 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke

4. 16-24

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.