

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Acts.

4. 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

**Response: The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
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The lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **(R)**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. **(R)**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **(R)**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **(R)**

A reading from the first letter of John.

3. 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father

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Listen to the Gospel according to Saint John

10. 11-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

TAFFRYHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Takes place on Sunday 21st April 2024
at 3.30pm in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall, Gelligaer

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly
QUIZ AFTERNOON
at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd April in S. Margaret's Church.

Social Committee are holding their
Annual Quiz night.

Wednesday 15th May at Neuadd St. Catwg Community Hall 7.00pm.
(more detailed information will be given nearer the date!!)

COMING TO THE DIOCESE OF LLANDAFF

1ST - 9TH JUNE 2024

The Churches Unlocked Festival was founded in 2022 by the Diocese of Llandaff's Church Buildings Team to celebrate the history, stories and hidden treasures of church buildings in the diocese

CHECK THE CHURCH in WALES WEBSITE SOON FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union hold their monthly MEETING at 6.00pm on Tuesday 7 th May in S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach.	Mothers' Union
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!!
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

parishofgelligaer.org.uk
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk

Parish of Gelligaer facebook page
churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg

21st April 2024

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

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 our Gospel reading today we hear of Christ the Good Shepherd with Jesus being here to ensure that we have life. He speaks us of a hired hand who runs away because he does not care for his sheep, but Jesus will always be there, ensuring that we follow the right path and that as a shepherd he will look after us, his sheep. I hope everyone has a pleasant week.

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.