

## Church News / Notices.

### *Lent Groups 2025*

*Our remaining meetings are:*

*St. Catwg's Church on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 11.00am  
St. Margaret's Church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm*

### *Our Annual Quiz Night.*

Will be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.00pm. Entrance fee is £5.00  
. Please give names to June at St. Margaret's or Cheryl at St. Catwg's .  
Please bring a plate of food.

**\*\*\* Due to unforeseen circumstances the Quiz Night will now be held at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach. \*\*\***

DISTRICT OF GELLIGAER  
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING  
Our Annual General Meeting will take place next Sunday  
Tuesday 22 April 2025  
at 7.00pm in S. Catwg's Church.

TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA  
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING  
Takes place on Sunday 27<sup>st</sup> April 2025  
At 3.00pm in S. Gwladys Church Bargoed

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

<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>Mothers' Union</i>
<i>Community Dance Group</i> Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. <b>All are welcome!!</b>	<i>Bargoed Community Choir.</i> We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am.. <b>All are welcome!!</b>
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	



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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 30th March 2025 -  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT  
Mothering 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 Lenten journey has now passed its halfway point and this week we rest to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We give thanks to God for the vocation of motherhood, the vocation to love, nurture, comfort and protect another human being especially children. The vocation to motherhood is one which in today's world is shared by many different people, from birth mothers to adoptive and foster mothers, grandparents and fathers among them. We pray for all who have the care of children especially those for whom life is a daily struggle, giving thanks for their devotion and their love.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

### Worship Through the Week.

<b>S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:</b> Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist	<b>S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:</b> Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist
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*Everyone is welcome to join us for worship during the week and our social groups and meetings. Further details on the back of this 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 of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ 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 first book of Samuel.**

**1. 20-28**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore, I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm: 127: 1-4**

##### **Response: Children are indeed a heritage from the Lord.**

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
Those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
The guard keeps watch in vain. (R)

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,  
Eating the bread of anxious toil;  
For he gives sleep to his beloved. (R)

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord,  
The fruit of the womb a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
Are the sons of one's youth. (R)

#### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.**

**3. 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

##### **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

"Woman, here is your son," says the Lord.

Then he said to his disciple, "Here is your Mother."

##### **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

**19: 25-27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**