

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis

9. 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25. 1-10

Response: Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God,
in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
Let them be ashamed who are 'want only treacherous. (R)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long. (R)

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my transgressions. (R)

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord;
Therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (R)

He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love
and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. (R)

A reading from the first letter of Peter

3. 18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:

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

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

1. 9-15

Glorify to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Church News

CAWL EVENING

Our cawl evening this year in celebration of S. David will take place on Wednesday 6th March in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall. Tickets available soon.

S. DAVID'S CONCERT

Bargoed Male Voice Choir are holding a S. David's Concert in conjunction with the YMCA on Tuesday 27th February at 7pm in Gilfach YMCA

MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL

The next Ministry Area Council meeting takes place on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm in S. Tyfaelog's Church Hall, Pontlottyn.

OUR LENT GROUPS:

Our Lent Groups/Course starts this week, 21st February, and for the following four weeks. Each group will meet at the times shown below:

Wednesday 6.30pm St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach
Thursday 11.00am St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer
A warm welcome to all.

<p>Mothers' Union Quiz Afternoon. Takes place on Tuesday 27th February at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 2.00pm.</p>	<p>Mothers' Union Meeting Takes place on Tuesday 5th March at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm.</p>
<p>Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!</p>	<p>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!!</p>
<p><i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i></p>	

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

parishofgelligaer.org.uk Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg 18th February 2024 S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

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

I hope everyone had a good week even though the weather has been very mixed. Last week we had Shrove Tuesday followed by Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent can be a time for us to perhaps give up something as a sign of sacrifice and to test our self-discipline in that same way as Jesus was tempted by Satan to worship him but Jesus refused. It can also be time for us to take up something perhaps helping out with a charity or being more disciplined in our reading of scripture. This week, the Lent Course begins with all the details on the reverse of the newsletter.

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.***