

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty and ever living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son 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.**

A reading from the book of Malachi

3. 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 24. 7-10 Response: The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Lift up your heads, O Gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in. (R)

Who is the King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty in battle. (R)

Lift up your heads, O Gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in. (R)

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory. (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews

2. 14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in

the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Hail,

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

2. 22-40

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

PALM CROSSES

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday 14th February. If you have any palm crosses at home could you please return them to Church by Sunday 11th February so that they can be burnt to produce the ash with which we will be anointed on Ash Wednesday.

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.

Mothers' Union monthly Quiz Afternoon

Takes place on Tuesday 30th January at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 2.00pm.

Mothers' Union monthly meeting

Takes place on Tuesday 6th February at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm.

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, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am. All are welcome!!

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

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

parishofgelligaer.org.uk

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Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page

churchinwales.org.uk

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28th January 2024

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MINISTRY AREA

District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Candlemas)

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.

This week we celebrate the Feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple or Candlemas as we mark the end of the Christmas-Epiphany Season of Light. We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, the Word made Flesh as God comes and lives among us. Today he is hailed as the Light of the World as he is brought into the Temple in Jerusalem. We rejoice that we live in the light of his love which guides us on our journey through life toward our eternal home in heaven.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell.

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

S. Catwg's Church Gelligaer

Sunday 11.00am

Thursday 10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:

Sunday 9.30am

Wednesday 10.00am

Sung Eucharist

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.***