

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 Acts.

4. 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 133 Response: The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity. (R)

It is like the precious oil on the head
running down upon the beard,
On the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. (R)

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountain of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore. (R)

A reading from the first letter of John.

1.1 - 2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our

sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John

20. 19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

DISTRICT OF GELLIGAER
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
Our Annual General Meeting will take place next Sunday
Sunday 14th APRIL 2024
at 3pm in S. Catwg's Church.

The Meeting will take place during the service of Evensong.
At this meeting we will elect our District Council Members and the District People's Warden and Church People's Wardens to service during the coming year. We will receive the Church Accounts and nominate two members to represent the District on the Ministry Area Council and nominate someone for election as Ministry Area People's Warden.

TAFFRYHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
Takes place on Sunday 21st April 2024
At 3.30pm in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall, Gelligaer

<p>Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union hold their monthly COFFEE MORNING at 10.30am on Tuesday 9th April in S. Margaret's Church.</p>	<p>Mothers' Union</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
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S. Catwg

7th April 2024

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE SECOND 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.

This week we have seen the first signs of spring. Spring is a time of new beginnings, new life, as plants begin to grow again, leaves and flowers begin to appear witnessing to the renewing power of the God who creates all things and loves all things. Our Easter celebrations remind us of the new beginnings that God constantly offers to us when we fall short of his teachings in our daily lives. The resurrection of Christ offers us a sure and certain hope for a future filled with peace and love.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

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.*