

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the first book of the Samuel

3. 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 139. 1-10 Response: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways. **(R)**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it. **(R)**

When can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. **(R)**

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast. **(R)**

A reading from the book of Revelation

5. 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Hail,

"You will see heaven opened," says the Lord, "and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. John

1. 43-51

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

Ty Hafan Appeal

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated to our Ty Hafan Appeal at our services over Christmas at the Candle to Remember Services and the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Your generosity enabled us to send a cheque for £500 to Ty Hafan to support their important work. Thank you all.

Ministry Area Council

At a meeting of the Ministry Area Council this week we discussed some of the difficulties that we face in the organisation of the Ministry Area.

In particular we are still in need of a

Ministry Area Treasurer and Ministry Area Secretary.

The Ministry Area Council is appealing to anyone who feels that they might be able to serve the Church in the Ministry Area by taking on one of these roles to come forward. If you would like any further information please speak to one of the members of the Ministry Area Clergy team.

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

Mothers' Union ***Quiz Afternoon***

*Takes place on Tuesday 30th January
at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach
at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.*

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!!

S. Catwg 14th January 2024 S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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 continue our journey through the Christmas-Epiphany season of light. We celebrate the revelation of Christ, the baby born in Bethlehem, as the Son of God, the Word made flesh, who is the Light of the World. In our readings today we read of the calling of Samuel and in the Gospel the calling of Phillip and Nathaniel reminding us that we too have been called by God, called by our name, to follow Christ through life towards the glory of his, and our, eternal home in heaven.

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.***

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