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In St. Catwg's and St. Margaret's

Monday 14th April

7.00pm Compline, St. Margaret's Church

Tuesday 15th April

7.00pm Compline, St. Catwg's Church

Wednesday 16th April

10.00 Holy Eucharist, St. Margaret's Church 7.00pm Compline, St. Margaret's Church.

The Sacred Three Day

**MAUNDY THURSDAY –
17th April.**

7.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and
Watch until 10pm, St. Catwg's, Church.

GOOD FRIDAY – 18th April.

12 (noon) Stations of the Cross
St. Margaret's, Church
7.00pm Good Friday Devotions,
St. Catwg's, Church.

EASTER SUNDAY – 20th April

9.30am Easter Eucharist, St. Margaret's, Church

11.00am Easter Eucharist, St. Catwg's, Church.

Everyone is welcome to join us!!

DISTRICT OF GELLIGAER ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday
22nd April 2025 at 7.00pm in St. Catwg's, Church.

TAFF RHYMNEY MINISTRY AREA ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Takes place on Sunday 27th April 2025 at 3.00pm in St. Gwladys Church Bargoed.

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union

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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.



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INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING
WEBSITES:**

www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 13th April 2025 -
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT:
PALM 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.

This week we celebrate Holy Week, the most sacred, the most important week of the Churches year. Our services are detailed on the back of this newsletter, and everyone is welcome to come and join us in our celebrations.

For those who may be unable to join us in Church we will provide services and devotions on our website. Please look out for them.

This week we are invited to join Jesus and the disciples and to walk with them through the events of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and are invited to join Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper as Jesus kneels and washes their feet before commanding them to love one another as he loves us. We witness the abhorrence of the trial and stand at the foot of the cross with Mary and John remembering that Jesus hangs there for us. On Easter Day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with the wonderful news that he is alive and that nothing, not even his death, can keep him or his love from us.

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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The Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Palms.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

11. 1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

The Liturgy of the Passion.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 the prophet Isaiah.

50. 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31. 9-16 Response: I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

My eye washes away my grief.

My soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing.

My strength fails because of my misery,

And my bones waste away. **(R)**

I am the scorn of my adversaries,

A horror to my neighbours,

An object of dread to my acquaintances;

Those who see me in the street flee from me. **(R)**

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many – terror all around!

As they scheme together against me,

As the plot to take my life. **(R)**

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

Save me in your steadfast love. **(R)**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

2. 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel is read without responses.

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
SAINT MATTHEW**