

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 book of Acts.

3. 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Response: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. **(R)**

How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him. **(R)**

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the lord. **(R)**

There are many who say.
'O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!' **(R)**

You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. **(R)**

A reading from the first letter of John.

3. 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you," says the Lord,
"that everything written about me must be fulfilled."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke

24. 36b-48

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 TODAY
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 QUIZ AFTERNOON at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd April in S. Margaret's Church.</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

14th April 2024

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE THIRD 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.

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we are reminded in our Gospel reading that Jesus has proclaimed us "witnesses of these things." We are an Easter people. We are, as the Bishop reminds us in her weekly message this week, people of joy and courage, who live in the light of his love. As Jesus appeared to his disciples and empowered them to bring the good news that he has risen to new and everlasting life so he empowers us in word and sacrament to witness to his continued presence in the world today bringing hope and joy to all who live under the shadow of fear and despair.

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.*