

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Genesis

14. 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 128

Response: May the Lord bless you all the days of your life.

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **(R)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

This shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord. **(R)**

the Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel! **(R)**

A reading from the book of Revelation

19. 6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak Lord, your children are listening. You bring the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

2. 1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

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, Pontlottyn.

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!!

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

llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page

churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg

21st January 2024

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE THIRD 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.

Throughout the Christmas-Epiphany season Jesus, Son of Mary, is gradually revealed to us as the Son of God, the Messiah, our Saviour. In the Gospel today we see Jesus with his mother at a wedding in Cana. When the hosts run out of wine Mary asks Jesus to help. Reluctant to help at first, Jesus responds by performing his first miracle turning water into wine. This John tells us was the first of his signs. The miracle reveals Jesus as the one who brings new life, who provides for the needs of his people, the one in whom we see the power of God at work.

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.***