

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements, and unselfish in our service; through 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 **11. 19-30**

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'. At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 112. Response: Happy are those, those who fear the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord
who greatly delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed. **(R)**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. **(R)**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever. **(R)**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. **(R)**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour. **(R)**

The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians **2. 1-10**

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us - we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality) - those leaders contributed nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 'This is my commandment' says the Lord, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. John **15. 12-17**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Church News

Fr Darren's Ordination as Priest

Fr Darren will be ordained a priest by Bishop Mary in Llandaff Cathedral at 2.00pm on Saturday 24th June 2023. Every one is welcome to come along and support him

FR DARREN - FIRST MASS

Fr Darren will celebrate Mass for the first time on Monday 26th June at 6.00pm in S. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn
Please keep Fr Darren and his family in your prayers and come and join him for these important celebrations.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE 2023

This year's pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 8th July. If you would like to join our group to Glastonbury please add your name to the list in Church. It is always a very enjoyable day and everyone is welcome to join us.

BAROGED MALE VOICE CHOIR THE 62nd ANNUAL CONCERT

with Guests: *Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir*

will take place in S. Margaret's Church on Friday 16th June 2023 beginning at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and everyone is welcome.

Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union Coffee Morning , at 10.30am on Tuesday 13 th June in S. Margaret's Church,	Bargod Community Choir. We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am. All are welcome!!
Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!	Flower Group Our flower group will meet on the third Friday of each month. at 10.00am in St. Margaret's Church.
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	

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

11th June 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

BARNABAS, APOSTLE

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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of S. Barnabas. Barnabas is believed to have been a Jewish Cypriot who became an early disciple. Though not one of the twelve he joined with Paul to undertake the "first missionary journey." Barnabas worked with Paul to bring the Gospel of Christ to the gentile world. After quarrelling with Paul Barnabas is said to have returned to evangelise Cyprus. Barnabas is believed to have been martyred at Salamis in AD61.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

TODAY SUNDAY 11TH JUNE
SONGS OF PRAISE 4pm – S. CATWG'S CHURCH

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.*