

## *The Liturgy of the Word.*

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Zechariah**

**9. 9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145. 8-14**

**Response: I will bless you and praise you forever, my God and King.**

The lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made. **(R)**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power, **(R)**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.  
And your dominion endures throughout all generations. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down. **(R)**

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

**7. 15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens," says the Lord, "and I will give you rest."

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### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew**

**11. 16-19, 25-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Church News

## GELLIGAER DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

The DCC will meet next on  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm**  
in **S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach.**

### TAFF BARGOED FOODBANK

At the last meeting of the Ministry Area Council Fr Gareth reported that during the current cost of living crisis demand for help from the foodbank which serves our Ministry Area through S. John's Church in Nelson has been rising while donations of food have been falling. As a church we support the work of the foodbank at Harvest-time. It would be good if we could give more consistent support for those less fortunate than ourselves throughout the year. If you are able to make a donation please bring your gifts to Church and we will ensure that they are delivered to S. John's Church. Many thanks.

#### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their  
**Coffee Morning**  
at St Margaret's Church, Gilfach on 11<sup>th</sup>  
July at 10.30am. 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!!

#### *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.

*Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.*

S. Catwg

9TH July 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

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 I write this I am looking forward to our pilgrimage to Glastonbury. The pilgrimage is a wonderful act of witness to the love of God which brings hope to all who are burdened, as Jesus assures us in our Gospel reading. We will proudly process behind our beautiful new parish banner which Sheila has very kindly made for us. We are very grateful to her.

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.*

Priest: Fr Gary Powell, The Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer, CF82 8FW  
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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.*

#### DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

parishofgelligaer.org.uk  
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