

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Jeremiah

28. 5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 89. 1-4, 15-18

Response: I will sing for ever of your steadfast love, O Lord.

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. **(R)**

You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

"I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations." **(R)**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your
countenance;
they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness. **(R)**

For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favour our horn is exalted.
For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

6. 12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Speak to us, O Lord, You have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew

10. 40-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE 2023

This year's pilgrimage takes place next Saturday 8th July.

If you have put your name down to join us on this year's pilgrimage to Glastonbury please see Carolyn who has all the details for the trip.

GELLIGAER DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

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

STRAWBERRY TEA

A big Thank You

to everyone who helped to organise
the Strawberry Tea yesterday.

Despite the weather it was a very enjoyable afternoon.
Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their
Monthly Meeting
at St Margaret's Church, Gilfach on 4th
July at 6.00pm. 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.

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

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2nd July 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE FOURTH 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.

This week we send our prayers and congratulations to Fr Darren and his family. The ordination service at the Cathedral last week and Fr Darren's First Mass in S. Tyfaelog's Church in Pontlottyn on Monday were both very special occasions. We have walked with Fr Darren on his journey to priesthood since he joined us on placement. He has a special place with us and we were all very proud to be with him to celebrate this important milestones in his life of service to the Church.

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.*