

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 Nehemiah

8. 1-4a, [5, 6,] 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119. 9-16

Response: Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from
your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you. (R)

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare all the ordinances
of your mouth,
I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all your word. (R)

I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

24. 30-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal

This Christmas will be a difficult time for many this year both at home and abroad. If you are able to help bring some Christmas cheer to children suffering the effects of war or extreme economic hardship please take a shoebox and support this very important appeal. Please speak to Joan in S. Catwg's or Jeanette in S. Margaret's.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our annual carol service takes place in St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer on Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm

"A CANDLE TO REMEMBER"

We offer the opportunity to remember our departed loved ones at Christmas with a special service of prayer and reflection and the invitation to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones.

St. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer: Sunday 10th December. 3.00pm
St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach: Wednesday 13th December 6.00pm

Christmas Prize Draw 2022

Draw will take place at Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm.

Everyone is welcome!

*** Dates or times of events may be subject to change. We will keep you updated with any changes. ***

Mothers' Union Hold their monthly meeting 7 th November at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 6.00pm	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 Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg 29th October 2023 S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

BIBLE SUNDAY

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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell.

As we approach the end of October, children are over the moon as they have the week off school for half term. In Church, the end of October is when we give thanks for Bible Sunday and for all the Bible means to each of us. The Bible is our guide for living life to the full and gives us a road map for the journey of life and is also our anchor as we voyage through life's oceans. No matter what each day holds, we are assured that with the Bible in our lives our journeys are never lonely, we have a guide, a beacon and not in the shape of a book that some people may consider irrelevant in these times but a book that is a living guide for our lives.

Carolyn

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.**