

## *The Liturgy of the Word.*

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 the prophet Isaiah**

**5. 1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 80. 7-15**

#### **Response: Let your face shine, O God, that we may be saved.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved. (R)

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land. (R)

The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches,  
it sent out its branches to the sea;  
and its shoots to the River. (R)

Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?  
The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field they feed on it. (R)

Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,  
the stock that your right hand planted. (R)

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

**3. 4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"

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

**21. 33-46**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

### Annual Vestry Meeting (Part 2)

The Annual Vestry Meeting will re-convene to complete it's business on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in S. Gwladys' Hall. This is an open meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend. Those who are on the electoral roll of any of our Churches and Districts is entitled to speak and vote on any resolution.

### AUTUMN FAYRE

This year our Autumn Fayre takes place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
If you are able to donate something for any of our stalls please bring them to Church.  
Many Thanks.

#### Mothers' Union

Coffee Morning will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 10.30am

#### 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](http://parishofgelligaer.org.uk)

[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk)

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page

[churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

S. Catwg

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

S. Margaret



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District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

## THE EIGHTEENTH 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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Dear friends,

I hope everyone is well and had a good week. Last Sunday, both churches celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving with the Harvest Lunch following the services. Thank you to all who very kindly donated items for the Harvest which are greatly appreciated, and which will be a help to those in our community. Thank you also to those who gave of their time in helping to preparing the hall and the food for our harvest lunch which was a wonderful opportunity for people to gather and eat and chat.

Carolyn

### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

#### S. Catwg's Church Gelligaer

Sunday 11.00am

Thursday 10.00am

Sung Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

#### S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:

Sunday 9.30am

Wednesday 10.00am

Sung Eucharist

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.***