

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis

50. 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103. 8-13

Response: The Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever. (R)

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; (R)
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes from us our transgressions.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall.

And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.**

18. 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

District of Gelligaer Quiz night

Our social committee are holding the annual district quiz. It takes place this week in Neuadd St. Catwg's Hall on Wednesday 13th September at 7.00pm.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 1st October. This year we will be celebrating with a Harvest Lunch which will take place in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall after our services on Sunday 1st October. Please join us, tickets will be available shortly. As usual our Harvest gifts will go to support our local Food Bank which provides invaluable assistance to those in need

Ministry Area Council

The Ministry Area Council will hold its next meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 20th September in S. Tyfaelog's Church Pontlottyn.

Mothers' Union Quiz Afternoon will be held on 26 th September at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 2.00pm	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.
<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 17th September 2023 S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE FIFTEENTH 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

As I am writing this, I have finished my first week meeting my new classes of children in various schools and what a fabulous week it has been. At the beginning of the school year, they are full of excitement and enthusiasm about what the year holds and having new experiences which is lovely to see. Along the way, I am sure there will be times when the children will need to both apologise to and forgive others. Today's gospel speaks of Peter asking Jesus how many times must he forgive his brother. Jesus' response is that forgiveness is limitless and we must always be willing to forgive – which on occasions may be difficult. Perhaps we, like the children could be enthusiastic about not only our hobbies but also our faith and always willing to forgive others. 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.