

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Ezekiel

33. 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119. 33-40

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

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart. **(R)**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways. **(R)**

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
i your righteousness give me life. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

13. 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak to us, O Lord, and lead us in the path of your commands.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

18. 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

Safeguarding Training

The Diocese is holding a Module B Training Session this week at 7pm on Tuesday 12th September in Neuadd S. Catwg's Hall for all Eucharistic Ministers and those who take communion to the sick and housebound. More details are available from Huw Thomas.

Ministry Area Council

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

Mothers' Union

Mother's Coffee Morning. will be held on 12th September 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
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg

10th September 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE FOURTEENTH 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 have enjoyed some wonderful sunshine after what seems like two months of almost continuous rain. We have been reminded once again that the sun always follows the rain, the darkness of the clouds cannot overcome the light of the sun just as the glory of the resurrection overcame the darkness of the death of Christ. As we travel through life we can take confidence that whenever darkness overshadows us, with Christ at our side, we will emerge into the light of a new day. His love for us will carry us through and we, in our turn are called to share his love carry our neighbours in need. Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

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.