

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 first book of the Kings

19. 9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85. 8-13 Response: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **(R)**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. **(R)**

A reading from Peters letter to the Romans

10. 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Take heart, it is I," says the Lord. "Do not be afraid."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew

14. 22-33

Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Church News

Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal 2023

Shoeboxes are now available for this year's Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal. If anyone is interested and would like to fill a box or would like more information, please speak to Joan Jenkins in St Catwg's church on 01443 450483 or Jeanette in St. Margaret's church.

District of Gelligaer Quiz night

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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Diocese has organised a training course for Safeguarding Module B which will take place in S. Catwg's Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 12 September. The course is open to any Church workers who work with children or vulnerable adults. Those who administer the Chalice or make pastoral visits on behalf the Church are required to attend. Huw has all the details. If you think that you might need to attend please speak to Huw, who will approach anyone that the Ministry Area Council has said should attend.

Mothers' Union Quiz Afternoon

Tuesday 15th August St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach at 2.00pm. 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
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Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg

13th August 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE TENTH 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.

Last week we were thankfully spared the worst of Storm Antoni which passed us by. In the Gospel reading today it is a storm which threatens the disciples as they sail across the lake. The experience of Peter is an encouragement to us all. As he crosses the sea toward Jesus he begins to sink and is rescued by Jesus. What a wonderful example of the saving power of Jesus. When the storms of life threaten us we can remember the example of Peter and reach out to Jesus who will come to us and give us the strength and encouragement we need to face our own fears.

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.