

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

15. 15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 26 1-8. Response: Redeem us, and be gracious to us, O Lord.

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind. **(R)**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evil doers, and will not sit with the wicked. **(R)**

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

12. 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"If you want to be my disciple," says the Lord, "take up your cross and follow me."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew

16. 21-28

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 is holding a Module B Training Session 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 Pontlottyn.

Mothers' Union

Mother's Union Meeting will be held on 5th September 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
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg

3rd September 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE THIRTEENTH 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.

It is difficult to believe that we have arrived in September already. This year is passing so quickly. Our minds are looking forward to the autumn, children are returning to school. As we journey onward we are reminded in by Jesus in our Gospel reading that we travel with him. His journey took Jesus to the Cross before he comes to the glory of the resurrection. If we are to join him in sharing in his resurrection we must make the same journey, facing the trials and challenges that life will throw at us. The Good News for us is that we do not follow these challenges alone – Jesus is with us, at our side, every step of the way.

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.