

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

Lord of all creation, you give us the fruits of the earth in their season and crown the year with your goodness: help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in want and to meet our daily needs; through Jesus Christ the Bread of life, 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 Deuteronomy

8. 7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65. 9-13

Response: Happy are those whom you choose to live in your courts.

You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water;
You provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it. **(R)**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
Softening it with showers and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness. **(R)**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

9. 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak to us, O Lord, You bring the good news of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke

17: 5-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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 25th 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 28th October 2023. If you are able to donate something for any of our stalls please bring them to Church. Many Thanks.

Mothers' Union

This week's monthly meeting will take place this Tuesday (3rd Oct) at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach

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

Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page

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1st October 2023

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Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Trinity 17)

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 celebrate our Harvest Festival. We give thanks to God for the bounties of creation, for all that he provides for our daily bread. We do so at a time when life is still very difficult for so many people. Many are still feeling the very real effects of the economic crisis. Demand at our local foodbank is growing and we are very grateful to you for the harvest gifts that you generously provide which will go to help those in need in our own community.

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.