

The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect:

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 Isaiah

45. 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 96. 1-9

Response: I sing to the Lord a new song and bless the name of the Lord.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day. (R)

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods. (R)

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. (R)

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the people,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come in to his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth. (R)

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

1. 1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

22. 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 Quiz Afternoon will be held on 24 th October 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
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk churchinwales.org.uk

S. Catwg

22nd October 2023

S. Margaret



District of Gelligaer

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

THE TWENTIETH 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, it is nice to see the leaves on the trees opposite the house looking autumnal in their rich gold and russet colours, but it won't be too long before the evening draws in and the trees will be hidden until tomorrow. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching us that when we are involved in secular activities, it does not mean that we put our spiritual values to one side and our spiritual values should not allow us to despise the secular. Jesus calls on us to treat both the sacred and the secular with respect and to work to integrate them and not separate them. We need to work towards finding the sacred in the secular and then allow our spiritual values to influence our lives in the world in which we live.

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.***