

## Church News / Notices.

### *Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal 2024*

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 or Jeanette in St. Margaret's church. Could any boxes be returned by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### *Christmas Greetings/Messages 2024*

If anyone wishes to place a Christmas Greeting in the December magazine, could you please email your greeting/message to myself at: [chriscorbin1961@gmail.com](mailto:chriscorbin1961@gmail.com) or phone Carolyn 07983 677360 with your message, by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Donations for the Christmas greetings may be given to: Cheryl / Lynda (St. Catwg's) or Jeanette / Enid (St. Margaret's).

### *Christmas Prize Draw 2022*

Draw will take place at Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.  
*Everyone is welcome!*

#### Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

##### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their **Monthly Meeting** at 6.00pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in St. Margaret's Church.

##### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their **Monthly Coffee Morning** at 10.30am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in St. Margaret's Church.

##### *Community Dance Group*

Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. **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!!**

*Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.*



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[www.parihofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parihofgelligaer.org.uk) (scan the QR Code)  
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page  
[llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk](http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk) / [churchinwales.org.uk](http://churchinwales.org.uk)

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 - THE FIRST SUNDAY of THE KINGDOM



S. Catwg'

District of Gelligaer

S. Margaret

*We are a welcoming Christian community serving the people of the District of Gelligaer.*

Priest: Fr Gary Powell

Reader: Carolyn Corbin

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.

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday as we enter the final season of the Churches year, the Kingdom Season as we celebrate the Kingship of Christ over all creation. Today we honour all those faithful Christians who have loved God and neighbour through the centuries and who by their lives have passed on the Christian Faith through the ages to us today.

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.*

## *The Liturgy of the Word.*

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom.** (3. 1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 24: (1-6) Response: The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
The world, and those who live in it;  
For he has founded it on the seas,  
And established it on the rivers. **R/**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
Who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
And do not swear deceitfully. **R/**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
And vindication from the God of their salvation.  
Such is the company of those who seek him,  
Who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

**A reading from the book of Revelation.** (21. 1-6a)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** "Come to me all who labour and are overburdened," says the Lord, "and I will give you rest." **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John** (11. 32-44)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**