

## Church News.

**GELLIGAER DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
will meet next in S. Catwg's Church  
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### Strawberry Tea.

The social committee are holding their annual strawberry tea afternoon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Neuadd St. Catwg Community Hall 3.00pm. The cost of the tickets are £6.00 and are available from both St Catwg's and St Margaret's churches.

### Glastonbury Pilgrimage

*This year the Glastonbury Pilgrimage celebrates its centenary and takes place on Saturday, 13th July with the preacher being the Right Rev'd Dr Rowan Williams. If anyone would like to experience the joys of joining with people from many parts of the country for celebrating the Mass and being part of the Pilgrimage through the streets of Glastonbury either by walking or watching, please put your names on the lists that are at the back of each church. Further details such as the cost will be available once I have a better idea of numbers who wish to go. If anyone would like more information about the day, please see Carolyn.*

**THE MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL**  
will meet next in S. Mabon's Church, Llanfabon  
at 7pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

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

<p><b>Mothers' Union</b> The Mothers' Union hold their monthly <b>Quiz Afternoon</b> at 2.00pm on Tuesday 25th June in St. Margaret's Church.</p>	<p><b>Mothers' Union</b> The Mothers' Union hold their monthly <b>Meeting</b> at 6.00pm on Tuesday 2nd July in S. Margaret's Church.</p>
<p><b>Community Dance Group</b> Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!</p>	<p><b>Bargoed Community Choir.</b> We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am. All are welcome!!</p>
<p><i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i></p>	



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY after TRINITY



S. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

S. Margaret

*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.

### JESUS CALMS THE SEA

Anyone who has experienced a rough crossing of the English Channel or the Irish Sea will be able to sympathise with the disciples in today's Gospel reading. Crossing the great lake their boat is caught up in a vicious storm. So threatened do they feel by the gale and the waves that they wake Jesus and seek his help. Jesus responds by calming the storm. He then asks them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" There will be times when, like the disciples, we feel threatened and find our faith challenged. Like the disciples we too can turn to Jesus – our hearts call out to him in prayer. He will answer us as he answered the disciple's pleas for help. If we place our trust and faith in him, if we open our hearts to him, he will calm our fears with his loving presence.

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 of the Day:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

#### **A reading from the book of Job**

**38. 1-11**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?" This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 107. 23-32**

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,**

Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;  
they saw the deeds of the Lord,  
his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea. (R)

They mounted up to heaven,  
they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;  
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress: (R)

he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
And he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
For his wonderful works to humankind.  
Let them extol him in the congregation of his people.  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders. (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians**

**6. 1-13**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress.

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#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark**

**4. 35-41**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**