

## Church News.

### MURDER MYSTERY

The social committee will hold its next event in September and it's a MURDER MYSTERY, we need people to partake in this.

If you would like participate please let June Phillips know. More detailed information for this event will be given near the date!

### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly **Quiz Afternoon** at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July in St. Margaret's Church.

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

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The Mothers' Union hold their **monthly meeting** at 6.00pm on Tuesday 6th August 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 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024 - THE EIGHTH SUNDAY after TRINITY



S. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

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*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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

I hope you have all had a good week and had an opportunity to enjoy the nice weather. By now all the schools have broken up for the summer holidays and the children and young people can, hopefully enjoy more good weather.

In today's Gospel, we learn that being a Christian and taking the message of the Good News of Jesus is not just for Sundays but for the rest of the week. It is also important that the message of the Good News is not just for those in church, it is for each of us to take out into the community and the world.

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.

## *The Liturgy of the Word.*

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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

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

**23. 1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 23**

**Response: The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. (R)

Even though I walk through the darkest valley  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. (R)

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. (R)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long. (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

**2. 11-22**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark Glory to you, O Lord.**

**6. 30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**