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Christmas Party and Prize Draw 2022

This year's Prize Draw will take place at the Christmas Party in Neuadd St Catwg Hall on Friday 13th December at 7.00pm.
Everyone is welcome!

Family show at Neuadd St. Catwg's

Come along to Neuadd St Catwg Community Hall, Gelligaer on Thursday, 19th December at 6.00pm for a family Christmas show The Christmas Elves. Tickets are £5 adults, £3 Child/over 60's or £10 Family of four, available from Carolyn on 07983 677360. Starts at 6.00pm, would be lovely to see you there.
All are welcome!

Dates for December

A Candle to Remember

3.00pm Sunday 15th December, S. Catwg's Church

6.00pm Wednesday 18th December, S. Margaret's Church

Carols By Candlelight

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols

6.00pm Sunday 22nd December, S. Catwg's Church

Church groups and Community groups – what's on!

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their **Monthly Meeting** at 8.00pm on Tuesday 3rd December in St. Margaret's Church.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their **Monthly Coffee Morning** at 10.30am on Tuesday 17th December 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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DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

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

SUNDAY 1st December 2024 - THE FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT



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.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas we begin our Advent journey. Week by week we reflect on how God prepared his people for the coming of his Son while preparing ourselves to receive our Lord whenever he comes to us, at the same time looking forward to the time when he will come in glory and establish his Kingdom throughout the world. Today we honour the patriarchs, the likes of Abraham, Jacob and Moses, the first to hear and respond to God's word.

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.

Priest: Fr Gary Powell, The Rectory, Church Road, Gelligaer, CF82 8FW
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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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

33. 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25. 1-10

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. (R)

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. (R)

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; (R)

according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (R)

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. (R)

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

3. 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Stand up and raise your heads," says the Lord, "because your redemption is drawing near."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

21. 25-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.