

Church News.

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.

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

BAROGED MALE VOICE CHOIR

Present their

SIXTY THIRD ANNUAL CONCERT

The concert will take place in S. Margaret's Church at 7.00pm on Friday 21st June 2024. Tickets £5 available at the door.

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

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly Meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 4th June in S Margaret's Church.

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The Mothers' Union hold their monthly Coffee Morning at 10.00pm on Tuesday 11th June in S. 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.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchnwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2024 - THE FIRST 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.

PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LAW

Today we see the first discussion between Jesus and the Pharisees about the meaning and the keeping of the law. For the Pharisees it was in keeping the law that they would be counted as righteous before God. Their righteousness came from the keeping of the law. Jesus is reminding them that God gave the law not to be an end in itself but as a guide to help the people live as the people of God. The law was given to help and serve the people, not for the people to serve. All the law we later hear can be summed up in the two great commandments to love God with all our hearts and our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus is telling us the law should never prevent us from showing our love of neighbour, particularly a neighbour in need even on the Sabbath.

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: God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.**

Readings and Psalm for Today.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

5. 12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81. 1-10

Response: Sing aloud to God our strength.

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp. **(R)**

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day,
For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob,
He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt. **(R)**

I hear a voice I had not known;
I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.
In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. **(R)**

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
There shall be no strange god among you;:

you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

4. 5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

2.23 – 3.6

Glory to you, O Lord.

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.' Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.