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Lent Groups 2025

Our Lent Groups this year will reflect on the experiences of those who travelled with Jesus to Jerusalem. I know it can be difficult for people to attend every meeting and so each session will be a “stand alone” session. -+The sessions will be shared between S. Catwg’s Church and S. Margaret’s Church.

Our first meeting will be in S. Margaret’s Church on WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025 AT 6.30pm. It will be lovely to see you there.

THE MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL
will meet next at 7.00pm
Wednesday 26th March
in S. Margaret’s Church.

Church groups and Community groups – what’s on!

Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning 10.30am Tuesday 11 th March S. Margaret’s Church	Mothers’ Union
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!!
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	



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

St. Catwg

District of Gelligaer

St. Margaret

**SUNDAY 9th March 2025 -
THE FIRST SUNDAY of LENT**



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.

This week on our Lenten Journey towards Easter we are taken with Jesus in to the wilderness. Following his baptism Jesus goes into the wilderness where he considers how best to undertake his public ministry. Easy answers present themselves in the form of the temptations but Jesus rejects them all. He is determined to remain faithful to his heavenly Father and to be follow only his ways. Called to work with Jesus, we too are faced with questions as to how we can exercise our ministry today in the most effective way, how can we best build his Church in our community. Like Jesus we must seek always to follow the ways of God, to walk in his footsteps.

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
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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.*

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The Liturgy of the Word.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, Psalm and Gospel for Today.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91. 1, 2, 9-16

Response: Under his wings you will find a refuge.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust. (R)

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. (R)

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. (R)

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name. (R)

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

10. 8b-13

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

4. 1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.