

Church News.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

An Open Evening and Exhibition to raise awareness of different types of Domestic Abuse will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 12th June at S. Gwladys Church. All are welcome.

BARGOED 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.

GELLIGAER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

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.

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

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly **Coffee Morning** at 10.30am on Tuesday 11th June in St. Margaret's Church.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly **Quiz Afternoon** at 2.00pm on Tuesday 25th June 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.pariahofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk / churchinwales.org.uk

SUNDAY 9th JUNE 2024 - THE SECOND 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.

YOU ARE MY BROTHERS, SISTER AND MOTHER IF YOU DO THE WILL OF GOD

We are all familiar with the sayings, "nobody is perfect," and "we all make mistakes." Both of these sayings recognise that we are all capable of making wrong choices. Jesus recognises that we are not perfect and that we will still make mistakes but he reassures us "people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter" if we place our faith and trust in him. We are his brothers and sisters and mother if we do the will of God. Never again will be separated from him. or his love.

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: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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 Genesis.

3. 8 - 15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

Response: Out of the depths, I cry to you O Lord.

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord. Lord hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! **(R)**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. **(R)**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope:
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning. **(R)**

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **(R)**

A reading from second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

4.13 - 5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'Who are my mother and my brothers?' says the Lord. 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

3. 20 - 35

Glory to you, O Lord.

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.