

Church News / Notices.

**The next meeting of the  
MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL  
Takes place at 7.00pm  
on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
in Pontlottyn in S. Tyfaelog's Church Hall.**

**A Prayer for Epiphany**

Jesus Christ, Light of the World has been born to dispel the darkness that covers its people. God's glory appears in human form. Life on earth will never be the same again! Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Amen.

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

<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>Mothers' Union</i>
<b>Community Dance Group</b> Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. <b>All are welcome!!</b>	<b>Bargoed Community Choir.</b> We meet each Thursday, during term time, at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach – 10.00 to 11.30 am.. <b>All are welcome!!</b>
<i>Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.</i>	



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[www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parishofgelligaer.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 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 - THE SECOND SUNDAY of EPIPHANY**



**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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Throughout this season of Epiphany, the season of the Revelation of Christ Jesus, whose birth we celebrated four weeks ago, is revealed to the world as the Messiah, the Son of God. Today we hear of how Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding in Cana and learn of how Mary demonstrated her trust and confidence in her Son. As Christians we, like the disciples need to trust and have confidence in God

Carolyn

**Worship Through the Week.**

<b>S. Catwg's Church, Gelligaer:</b> Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist Thursday 10.00am Holy Eucharist	<b>S. Margaret's Church, Gilfach:</b> 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, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 prophet Isaiah**

**62. 1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 36. 5-10**

**Response: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.**

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. (R)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. (R)

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart! (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians**

**12. 1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John**

**2. 1-11**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**