

## Church News.

### *MA Communications Team*

will meet on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, at St Gwladys Church hall. If you have any queries or questions please pass them onto Chris Corbin so that they can be discussed in the meeting.

### *MURDER MYSTERY*

The social committee will hold its next event in September and it's a MURDER MYSTERY, we need people to partake in this. If you would like participate please let me know. More detailed information for this event will be given near the date!

### *Strawberry Tea afternoon.*

Thanks to all who helped in getting everything ready for our strawberry tea afternoon, and to those that helped clear up afterwards.

It was very well attended with everyone having a wonderful afternoon.

Thanks to Jenn for arranging the various quiz papers, they were very light-hearted and a lot of fun. Overall we raised £218.00.

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

#### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly **Quiz Afternoon** at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July in St. Margaret's Church.

#### *Mothers' Union*

The Mothers' Union hold their **monthly meeting** at 6.00pm on Tuesday 6th August 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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SUNDAY 14th JULY 2024 - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY



S. Catwg

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*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

I hope you have all had a good week even with the mixed weather! This week some schools had beach parties on the yard and were lucky enough to not only have the ice cream van turn up but to also have dry weather.

In today's Gospel, Herod is torn between doing what is right and trying to please his daughter. I, like many others have been put in this position on at least one occasion and hopefully when making the decision of which choice to make, we have chosen to do what is right. When it comes to our faith, if we are asked if we believe in God, we should not shy away from standing up for our faith and we should speak lovingly and encouragingly of Jesus in the hope of bringing others to faith.

Carolyn

### 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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 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 of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 book of Amos**

**7. 7-15**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 85. 8-13**

##### **Response: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. (R)

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

**1. 3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ

before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

'She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.'

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**6. 14-29**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**