

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.

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

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| <p>Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union hold their monthly Coffee Morning at 10.30pm on Tuesday 9th Julu in St. Margaret's Church.</p> | <p>Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union hold their monthly Quiz Afternoon at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July in S. Margaret's Church.</p> |
| <p>Community Dance Group Meet each Monday at 10.30am at St. Margaret's Church. All are welcome!!</p> | <p>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!!</p> |

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of our groups and social meetings.



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www.parishofgelligaer.org.uk (scan the QR Code)
Parish of Gelligaer Facebook page
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SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024 - THE SIXTH 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.

In returning to his hometown in today's Gospel where his friends and neighbours refuse to listen to him Jesus is showing us that God comes to us and is present with us wherever we are, at home and away from home. Jesus comes to us, is present with us, sharing our lives in every person that we meet. God comes to us most often not in the kindness of "special people" who are somehow different to us but in those closest to us, those most familiar to us, out nearest and our dearest, our friends and neighbours. Let us not take for granted the presence of God among us revealed in the goodness and kindness shown by family, friends and neighbours.

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: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 the prophet Ezekiel

2. 1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123.

Response: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy.

To you I lift my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us. (R)

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
Of the scorn of those who are at ease.
Of the contempt of the proud. (R)

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

12. 2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows - was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will

not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He began to send them out two by two. So they went and proclaimed that all should repent.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark

6. 1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.