

## Church News.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### Strawberry Tea.

The social committee are holding their annual strawberry tea afternoon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Neuadd St. Catwg Community Hall 3.00pm. The cost of the tickets are £6.00 and are available from both St Catwg's and St Margaret's churches.

### 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 Quiz Afternoon at 2.00pm on Tuesday 25th June in St. Margaret's Church.

#### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly Meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 2nd July in S. 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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[www.parihofgelligaer.org.uk](http://www.parihofgelligaer.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 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 - THE THIRD 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.

Your friend and priest, Fr Gary Powell

Even though the weather has been somewhat mixed, I hope everyone has had a good week. In today's Gospel we hear of the parables of the seed and of the mustard seed. With time and patience, tiny seeds can grow into an abundant harvest. Jesus encourages us to look for God at work in the little things, small acts of love and generosity that grow into warmth and community, the everyday kindness of people who serve others. As we move into a new week, may we continue with looking for these small things and in time, the people we meet may grow in 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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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:** Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 and Psalm for Today.**

#### **A reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

**17. 22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 92. 1-8**

**Response: How great are your works O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High  
to declare your steadfast love  
in the morning, and your  
faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre. (R)

For you, O Lord,  
have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hand I sing for joy.  
How great are your works, O Lord!  
Your thoughts are very deep! (R)

The dullard cannot know,  
the stupid cannot understand this:  
though the wicked sprout like grass  
and all evil doers flourish,  
they are doomed to destruction for ever,  
but you, O Lord, are on high for ever. (R)

#### **A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. 5. 6-10, [11-13,] 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark Glory to you, O Lord.**

**4. 26-34**

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**